



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are in the last week of this half term! It seems to have flown by. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and ensuring that the children remain happy. I would like to thank all staff for all the hard work over the last months. You have all worked extremely hard and I hope that you have a rest and enjoy spending time with your own families.

Thank you for continuing to support the dropping off and picking up arrangements. It all seems to be running smoothly and the children are being utterly brilliant at leaving you at the gate. Please could I ask parents who are dropping at the front gates to ensure that you are aware of the road. I have seen over the last week both children and parents walking on the road and it is a busy time with lots of cars and people. I have also seen people crossing the road from Sainsbury's- I would encourage you to use the crossing. If you are queuing in Sharks please could I ask you to bend the line round and into the park area. The path there is extremely tight and if we can try to relieve some of the congestion then it will make it easier. I appreciate that this is not ideal but unfortunately, we do not have any more gates that can be used. Please make sure you have hold of your children's hands and that you move away from the gates as swiftly as possible.

If you are a Year 1 or Year 2 parent that has yet to complete your Tapestry form, please could you do so ASAP. We would like to start using this platform after half term but can only do this if we have your consent forms returned.

I am pleased to report that after a lot of discussions we shall be moving to hot lunches after half term. With the colder weather drawing in a hot lunch would be a welcome treat in the middle of the day! We have spoken with Mandie and the girls in the kitchen and we have put lots of measures in place to ensure that lunch runs smoothly. A copy of the menus will be sent out to you via ParentMail. Please can I ask that you talk to your child/ren about the choices. This helps them to be prepared when asked in school! Just a reminder that children need to choose either a hot school dinner or bringing in a packed lunch on a Monday and stick to this choice for the whole week. They cannot swap around each day. Have a restful half term, Miss Elliott

Staffing news...

I am DELIGHTED to announce that Mrs. Best is expecting her second baby! We are SO excited by this news and wish the family all the very best.



Parents evening.

We look forward to seeing you all online for parents evening this week! Remember that it is only 10 minutes and the meeting will shut automatically after this time.

Useful information:

Class emails are:

Year R:

starfish_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

seahorse_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

Year 1

sharks_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

turtles_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

Year 2

dolphins_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

jellyfish_class@heather-ridge.co.uk

Please only use class emails to communicate with the class teacher about your child's learning. The teachers will reply to your emails within 5 working days.

For important messages regarding attendance, illness or picking up your child please email Mrs English and Miss Fermor on:

info@heather-ridge.co.uk or

office@heather-ridge.co.uk

Tel: 01276 24918

Dates for your diary....

There are still some dates of events to be confirmed...

Half Term 26th October

Back to school 2nd November

Christmas jumper day 11th

December 2020

Christmas dinner day 11th

December 2020

End of term 18th December

INSET Days

1st September 2020

2nd September 2020

19th April 2021

7th June 2021

21st July 2021

A few reminders...

- If your child is doing an after-school club then please make sure they bring their kit in with them in the morning.
- No earrings are to be worn on PE days and must be removed.
- Sickiness and upset tummies require 48 hours before a child can return to school.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- School shoes should be worn and no trainers please.
- The PTA AGM happened last week, and we have appointed a Chair and a Vice Chair. There are still some positions that are not filled. If you would like to step forward, then please do let us know. We can then start to hold some wonderful fund-raising events!

Prospective Parents

At this time of year, I am usually proudly showing prospective parents around our school. However, as with many other aspects of our lives now we are having to change and adapt. This week we shall be having a videographer in school making short clips showcasing the school which will be places on the school website for prospective parents to see. I shall be sending home a letter to parents asking for your consent in allowing your child to be videoed. This maybe on a piece of outdoor equipment or during their learning outside or inside the classroom as well as lunchtimes. Those wishing for their child not to participate will wear a coloured PE band so that they are instantly recognizable for the videographer. I shall let parents know when the video is uploaded, and I hope you will go and take a look!

