



Thursday 22nd October

Dear Parents & Carers

Half term Holiday

As you know school finishes today for the half term holiday. We return on Monday 2nd November at 8.55am as normal. We have had an exciting half term with many activities happening; including Reception going on a 'welly walk', Year 1 visiting the building site, Year 3 India Day and Year 5 having a particle physicist visit to demonstrate ideas to the children. Other activities include Bikeability training, Zenith leisure mountain biking and Pedestrian training and don't forget the lovely Early Years Harvest Festival. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter and are not receiving it, please go to www.chandlersridge.org.uk and click on join us.

Attendance

It was great the other day when I checked the registers and I found that 191 children had 100% attendance for this half term. Well done.

Reading

I'm looking forward to meeting with the children, who before Christmas, have 10 stickers on their reading chart for all the fantastic reading they have been doing at home.

Grapes

Just to let you know that after that tragic accident in Hartlepool, our cook is now cutting grapes which we serve for school dinners. I have spoken to the children today about using knives and forks correctly, manners when eating and chewing food properly.

Operation Encompass

As always, the children's safety is paramount. With this in mind, our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between all schools and Middlesbrough and Cleveland Police.

This new project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our school the following day. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity between Monday to Thursday and, when an incident occurs on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact us the following Monday.

A nominated member, Mrs Lidgard, has been trained to liaise with the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their



families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass was introduced in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, in February 2011 and has proved very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner. This initiative has already been implemented in Hartlepool and is now being extended to across Cleveland. If you would like some more information about how Operation Encompass operate and the benefits of it, you can view it online at <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/advice-information/OperationEncompass.aspx>

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this initiative is going to be extremely beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we will see you on Monday 2nd November. Thank you for your continuing support,

Kind regards,

Mrs Louise Lidgard