

Chandlers Ridge Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

Happy Christmas

On Friday 18th December we finish for the Christmas holidays and the children return on **Tuesday 5th January 2016**. We have had a very exciting term with many visits to various places including Captain Cooks Museum, Rydale Folk Museum, MIMA and the Transporter Bridge. We have enjoyed Harvest and the Nativity presented by EYFS and the Nativity story by Year 6.

As a school, we have benefitted from an artist in school who worked with the children on recycling and then Mrs Lancaster ran a competition for children to produce their own recyclable art and we have got a fantastic display in school of these. In November we enjoyed a visit from Mr McCool, a performance poet. All of these enrichment activities have been paid for by Friends of Chandlers Ridge. Thank you.

In sport we have had a very successful term with indoor athletics, squash, hockey, tag rugby and gymnastics, culminating in Chandlers Ridge winning the Tees Valley finals in gymnastics. The choir sang beautifully on Tuesday evening at the Cathedral alongside Nunthorpe Academy and Captain Cook School. Thank you for your continued support.

We are currently enjoying our Christmas parties and Christmas activities in school.

Change of school routine

When we return on Tuesday 5th January, we will be opening the doors at 8.45am. At this time children can come straight into school and the doors will close at 8.55am. **Please remember we do start at 8.55am.** This allows children to arrive between these times and hopefully ease the traffic and parking issues outside. A teacher will be on duty in the cloakroom. Reception will come in through their doors as normal but from 8.45am. Nursery remains the same.

Parking Outside school

Can I remind everyone to respect the neighbours when parking your cars outside school and most importantly keeping the children safe? Please think before you park.



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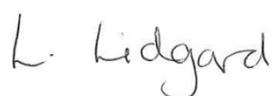
Our communication with you

This last term we've made improved communication with parents and carers a priority. Each Friday we send out an eNewsletter by email and we have over 300 subscribers. This is full of our weekly news and information. You can subscribe through our website www.chandlersridge.org.uk. Also all letters sent home are on the website under 'My Book Bag' on the front page, along with lunch time menus, any forms that are sent home and back copies of our eNewsletter. Our website calendar is updated regularly with events, holidays and PD days. Each year group has a Twitter account and this term we have sent 296 tweets across our year groups. The number of subscribers we have varies across the year groups – if you are not following here's the details again – we don't want you to miss out on a thing!

Year Group	Twitter address	Number of followers
	@EYFSCRA	43
	@Y1CRA	29
	@Y2CRA	12
	@Y3CRA	21
	@Y4CRA	13
	@Y5CRA	23
	@Y6CRA	36

Finally, in January we will be launching our mobile phone app that will tie all our improvements together across our website, eNewsletter and Twitter into one neat bundle! Full details will be provided the first week back.

We all wish you a Very Happy Christmas and many best wishes for the New Year,



Mrs Louise Lidgard