

# Lyndon Green Junior School



If I was trying to think of a title to describe the last week, then it would be, 'Bread.' The school has been filled with some wonderful smells. So another great week rolls to a close and there has been a whole lot of loafing going on. In no way has it been stale. Here is the information that you knead to know.

## Residential

The children that have chosen to go on residential from year 6, will all set off on Monday morning for a week long visit to Boreatton Park. The school will feel empty without them, but I'm sure the children not attending will certainly make up for it. We will aim to tweet events etc. however, please understand that the staff are there for the safety of the children and to ensure that they have fun. Have a brilliant time year 6 from everyone in school.

## Secondary School transition

Many of you will be visiting secondary schools to try and make that difficult decision about where to go after LGJS. Just a reminder that we have lots of info on our school website under School Information and that electronic forms need to be returned to the Local Authority by the end of October.



## Harvest

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival assembly on Friday 10th October. A letter will be going out asap, donations will greatly be received and will go to a local charity, 'Helping Hands' for distribution to those who need it the most.

## Sports

Great start to the new season with Mr. Clarke at the helm. An overall 8-2 victory against St. Bernadette's, although only a friendly, at yeast it gave our boys the chance to play together for the first time. Cross Country starts again next week, please check the website for details. Everyone can attend!!!

## Quiz Night

We are currently planning to hold a quiz night after half term. We are looking at having teams of 6 with an entrance fee of £10 per team, with a cash prize for the winning team. If you would be interested could you let the office know so that we can gauge interest. It would be a super community event!

## Safeguarding Alert

**Please read the reverse of the newsletter for a serious safeguarding alert that we all need to be aware of.**

## Attendance News

This weeks whole school attendance has dropped to **97.71% (sobs quietly)**

5th place - Class 3J - 98.33%

4th place - Class 4B - 98.89%

3rd place - Class 3C - 99.43%

2nd place - Class 6G - 99.44%

1st place and **simply the best is Class 6D with 100%**



**200** children will have received 100% attendance certificates today for the Summer term. This is an astonishing figure.

On top of that 70 children received a certificate for being here everyday of last year. So very proud of you all!

Have a good weekend. Did you spot the bad puns? I like to make sure you don't go stale with a half baked newsletter.

## **Safeguarding Alert - URGENT**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as part of a routine operation on the bus network, West Midlands Safer Travel Police Team had cause to speak to an individual. When questioned, the man informed the officer that he works for Pupil Watch, Birmingham City Council. When asked to produce his BCC ID he was unable to do so. An officer from West Midlands Safer Travel Police Team has contacted Education Welfare with this information and we were able to confirm that the individual did not work for Pupil Watch. The incident is now being investigated by West Midlands Police.

**All Pupil Watch Safeguarding patrol activity conducted jointly by Education Welfare Staff and West Midlands Police came to an end in July 2014.** Under Section 16 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, Police Officers still hold the powers to approach any person whom they believe to be of school age, to ascertain why they are not in school.

It appears that an individual may be using Pupil Watch as a cover for approaching children and or young people. I would therefore be grateful if you could ensure that all pupils are made aware of the following:

- **Pupil Watch patrols have now ceased.** If they are approached by any individual stating they work for Pupil Watch, they must not give any personal information. They should bring this approach to the attention of their parents, school staff and West Midlands Police.
- If any individual stating they work for Pupil Watch requests that the pupil leaves the location with them then **they must refuse to go** and should seek assistance as a matter of urgency from parents, staff and West Midlands Police.
- If any pupil is approached by a Police Officer, even if they are in full uniform then they are strongly advised to ask to see their warrant card and if in doubt seek assistance.