

Newsletter 1 – Friday 12th September, 2014

Chers parents et ami(e)s de La Fontaine Academy,

This week has been a very important one for us, as a school community: our doors finally opened and your children became the first children to join La Fontaine Academy. Once again, I wish to thank you all for your support and commitment: together, we are creating what will soon become a very vibrant community.

I hope to see many of you tomorrow at our La Night of the Proms – Première Soirée à La Fontaine. The event will begin at 18:30 and finish around 22:30. Children and adults are welcome. Make sure you bring some food which, I hope, we can all share!

Cordialement,

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

Family Dining

Children have started experiencing our family dining. It was wonderful seeing them eat with their teachers, enjoying talking to their friends but also developing key skills: serving each other, tidying up behind them, etc.

Our food menu is on our website at:
www.lafontaineacademy.org/menu

Labelling your child's items

Please, remember to label your child's clothes. They may need to remove their jumpers/cardigans/blazers at times, so to make it easier for them to find them again, it is important their name is clearly visible.

We've had a few children take off their jumpers/cardigans at playtime, and they've found it difficult to identify things at the end of play.

E-Newsletter

In a couple of weeks, we will start emailing newsletters (as opposed to printing them).

This will enable us to focus on our value of Responsibility and reduce our negative impact on the world.

Make sure we have your email address at school.

Morning Routine

Thank you very much for your support over the past couple of days.

The gates will open at 08:15. We ask children to stay by their parents until the bell is rung at 08:25. Children should stay away from the Pioneer Trail.

As you'll have noticed, we ask children to line up in their groups to enable them to go into the building calmly.

Thank you for asking them to go and line up. To enable this to work smoothly, we ask parents to refrain from walking with their child to the line.

If it is raining, children and parents will be invited to come to the Hall, going through the Reception Playground.

Birthday Treats

In line with our Healthy Eating ethos, children who wish to celebrate their birthday at school can't bring cakes or party bags. We do, however, encourage children to come in with a book that they could donate to their class.

Wellington Boots for Reception

Could all Reception parents please bring Wellington boots to school on Monday? Children in Reception might need them as part of their outdoor learning. The wellington boots would need to stay at school and would therefore need to be clearly labelled.

Late Children

Taken from our Attendance Policy:

"The Academy day begins at 8.30am and all pupils are expected to be settled and ready for registration at 8:35am. Pupils arriving after 8.35am are marked as late. Any child arriving later than 8.35am is required to enter the building via the Academy Office. If accompanied, a parent or carer should give a reason for the lateness, which will be added to the register. The child will then be sent or escorted to their classroom. The register will be closed at 9.00am. Pupils arriving after 8.35am but before the close of registration will be marked as late (L).

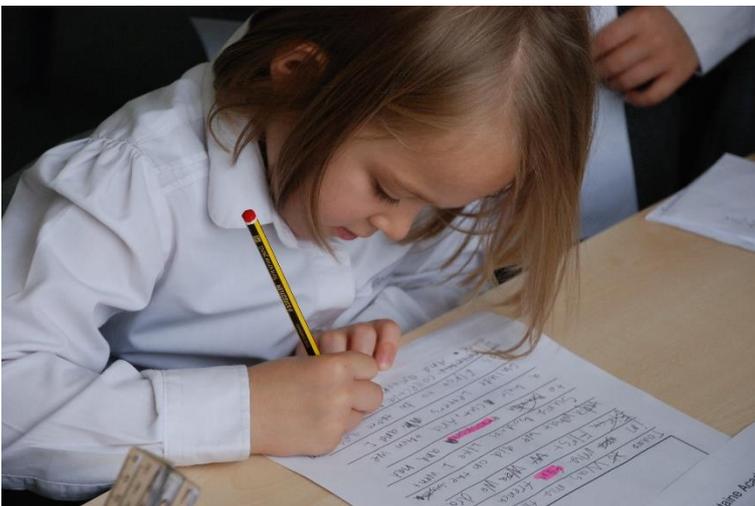
After 9.00am pupils will be marked with a (U) and recorded as absent for the AM session. Parents must give a reason for the AM absence or lateness."

Our approach to Attendance is based on legal requirements schools have to follow.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

From Monday to Friday next week, a parent (a photographer by trade) will be taking family photos as you come to school. Please, make sure you get your photo taken by the end of the week so that we can produce a photo album marking the beginning of the year.

First few days at La Fontaine!



Parents and Teachers Meeting – Wednesday 17th September, 17:00-17:30 or 18:00-18:30

Two repeated sessions will be organised for parents to meet with teachers. The purposes of the meeting are:

- to hear about the learning that will take place in each class
- to hear about our Home-Academy Agreement (explaining how we can all work together to make our children's time at La Fontaine a great one)
- to find out about our Behaviour Policy
- to meet our Governors

To help with the logistics of the evening, it would be appreciated if parents could arrive on time and come without the children. If you do need to bring the children, we will invite them to join our STEP Zone while you meet the teachers.

PE Kits

Please, make sure they are brought to school on Monday mornings and taken home on Friday afternoons to get washed over the weekend. Children will do PE on set days, but they might still need their PE kits at other times, which is why it needs to stay at school throughout the week.

Coffee Mornings and Uniform Sale

We will be holding regular coffee mornings (on Friday mornings) for parents to come in and socialise, as well as meet with myself. Please check our Academy Calendar (www.lafontaineacademy.org/events) to see when they are happening. Uniforms will be on sale during coffee mornings.

Our first Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 19th September, from 08:30-09:00, in our school hall.

We hope to see you there.

Open Days for Prospective Families

If you know any families who would like to find out more about La Fontaine, we will be holding information sessions for prospective parents on the following days:

- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 27th November
- Thursday 8th January

Free School Meals

All children from Reception to Year 2 are automatically entitled to free school dinners.

In addition to this universal benefit, some families might be entitled to receive Free School Meal funding (extra funding given to schools to support children with their learning). Please, contact Hilary Hudson (at Bromley Council) if you think you are entitled to this benefit.

Her email address is: Hilary.Hudson@bromley.gov.uk

If you are entitled to this benefit, our school can receive extra funds to support your child. If you have any questions, let us know (office@lafontaineacademy.org). Applications for this extra benefit will be treated confidentially.

PEACE ONE DAY

One Monday 21st September, we will be celebrating Peace One Day.

For more details go to www.peaceoneday.org

We will share more details with you next week.



La Fontaine

ACADEMY

Our Motto

‘Always aiming higher, together’

Our Values and Commitments

EXCELLENCE

In all we do, we always strive for excellence and beyond.

RESPECT

In all we do, we value each other and we nurture a sense of mutual respect.

COLLABORATION

In all we do, we are united to share, support, and improve.

RESPONSIBILITY

In all we do, we own our mistakes and successes.

CREATIVITY

In all we do, we challenge each other to be original and imaginative.