

Newsletter 2 – Friday 19th September, 2014

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

We have now been at school for over a week and it is amazing to see how children have started making great progress with their work. It is also wonderful to see them making new friends and working and playing so joyfully.

Thank you very much for your support. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Cordialement,

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

Share in Learning

Next Friday, Reception parents are invited to join their children from 08:30-09:00 as part of our Share in Learning sessions.

Madame Crittenden and Madame Leroy will be preparing activities which Reception parents will be able to do with your child!

It should be good fun.

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.

There are still quite a few children's whose clothes haven't been labelled, making it difficult for them to identify their jumpers, cardigans, etc.

E-Newsletter

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

Make sure we have your email address at school.

Feel free to send us your email address at office@lafontaineacademy.org.

Parking on Princes Plain and Church Lane

Can we remind parents that Princes Plain and Church Lane are residential streets and that we, therefore, need to be as considerate as possible with our neighbours?

A few parents have mentioned organising a car-pooling system, so make sure you speak to each other in the playground if you're interested.

Uniform and Flashing Shoes

Please, remember that flashing shoes (shoes with lights) are not allowed in school.

We have received some amazing feedback from our neighbours about our school uniform. Thank you for ensuring that your child wears our uniform with pride.

Also remember that children need to have their shirts tucked in when they come to school in the morning and when they go home in the evening.

Milk and Fruit

From Monday, milk and fruit will be available for all Reception children during their snack time. Year 1 and Year 2 children will also be given fruit during their break time.

Remember to give your child a healthy snack if they are attending an after-school club.

Snack are available for those children attending STEP Zone from 16:30.

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.

PARENT COMMUNITY

A big 'MERCI' to all parents and friends who helped with our first PTA event last Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our 'Last Night of the Proms – Première Soirée à La Fontaine'.

An amazing £513 was raised in one night!!!

Special thanks to those parents who helped in the run-up to the event, as well as set up, bake cakes, organise the raffle, organise the entertainment, and clear up at the end.

It is amazing to see how our new La Fontaine community is already achieving such amazing results!

The money raised will enable us to purchase musical instruments and books for our emerging library!



Student Leadership: School Prefects, School Councillors, and Learning Councillors

As a school, we believe that: 'Being active as a leader is the best way to get children to own their learning and their school. We should always endeavour to nurture our pupils' leadership skills. Thus, they will become active citizens who can shape the world, as opposed to being passive recipients of society. The world needs to change and we therefore need leaders who can act accordingly!'



SCHOOL PREFECTS: Congratulations to Romain and Chloe (from Classe George Sand). They have been chosen as our inaugural School Prefects.

Their role will include:



- Showing guests and visitors around the school
- Talking at prospective parents evenings
- Taking part in visits in our local community – old age homes, banks, etc.
- Assisting/speaking at whole school events – Sports day, summer fair, etc.
- Helping parent governors with whole school projects.
- Assisting with certificates/special announcements at celebration assemblies



SCHOOL COUNCILLORS: Next week, Years 1 and 2 will hold School Council Elections to identify two children per class. Their role will focus on identifying issues they wish to improve in the school, as well as events they might wish to organise (e.g. charity events, fundraising events, etc.). Please, speak to your children about this and encourage them to stand up for election!

Reception children will be invited to join the School Council in the Summer Term.

LEARNING COUNCIL: Madame Crittenden will identify a few children to join our Learning Council. The role of the learning council is to provide feedback on teaching and learning from a child's perspective, in order to develop and maintain outstanding teaching and learning. The learning council will meet fortnightly, to discuss teaching and learning techniques, strategies, successes and failures. The learning council will observe lessons, accompanied by a member of staff, and will give feedback on these lessons to the Assistant Headteacher. Members of the learning council will also be required to observe candidates applying for jobs at La Fontaine Academy, and will be called upon to discuss their learning experiences at La Fontaine Academy with guests from time to time.



Read for Peace



On Sunday 21st September, thousands of people across the world will be celebrating peace – something much needed across the world these days.

As a school, our values of respect, collaboration, and responsibility encourage us to get children involved in peaceful activities so that they can lead the way and be ambassadors for peace within (but also beyond) our community.

On Friday 26th September, we will prepare activities for the children to talk and think about the meaning of peace.

We believe that education is the best way to teach people to respect each other. Therefore, we kindly ask you do donate a reading book on Friday 26th so that we can build our Peace Library. Please, make sure you write 'Donated by (+your child's name)' inside the cover so we can all appreciate their gift to our school.

Thank you very much in advance for your support.



Coffee Mornings

Thanks to the parents who came to our first coffee morning today! And thanks to Leah for bringing some delicious biscuits!

We will be holding regular coffee mornings (on Friday mornings) for parents to come in and socialise, as well as meet with myself.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 3rd October, from 08:30-09:00. All Coffee Morning dates are now available on our Academy calendar (www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).

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 (one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)
- Thursday 27th November (one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)
- Thursday 8th January (one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon)

Details can be found on our Academy Calendar (www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).

Notices from our Academy Office



Madame Watmore and Madame Eardley would like to remind you about the following:



Office Opening Hours: 08:30-12:00 and 13:00-16:30 (or 16:15 on Fridays)

Clubs need to be paid for by Friday 26th September.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Kate, one of our parents and a photographer by trade, has been taking photographs with most families. If you haven't had yours taken, please email the office at office@lafontaineacademy.org as soon as possible so we can organise something. All photographs will be used for a Souvenir Album of our first few days at La Fontaine.



Kate's website, for those interested, is www.see-photography.co.uk



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