

Newsletter 5 – Friday 10th October, 2014

We opened one month ago and our children and parents are very happy ones indeed!!!



Our PTA is born!

A huge 'Thank You' to all the parents who expressed an interest in getting involved in our PTA. This morning's meeting was very well attended and lots of parents have also been in touch by email!

Updates and more details will be sent out shortly, so watch this space.

The PTA will also have a website very soon!



emmaus

Helping those in need during Harvest

Thank you for your very donations. Friends at Emmaus are aware of your generosity and have asked me to thank you on their behalf.

As a school, we focus on the notion of Responsibility every day, and offering a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than us is a great way to make children of their place in society.

More details about Emmaus UK can be found on their website at the following address: www.emmaus.org.uk



Another big thank you to Kate, Malin, Julia, and Tatyana for their amazing work on Tuesday and Wednesday as children got their photographs taken. The children had an amazing time and it was great to see that school photographs could be taken in a 'family and fun' way, without rushing children.

Photos will soon be available and parents will be informed as soon as possible.



Notices from our Academy Office



We are now using an online payment service called ParentPay. Our school, therefore, is now a 'cashless' school.

For any payment you need to make, please use our ParentPay service.



Uniform order forms are available from our school office but also from our website at www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform. If you need to purchase any items, please complete an order form and give/email it to Madame Watmore or Madame Eardley.

Don't forget to ensure that, if your child is in Year 1 or Year 2, they wear their school blazer to school every day. They can wear a school coat over their blazer if necessary.



IF ONLY WE COULD OPEN A SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, WHERE IT RARELY RAINS!!

Unfortunately, in England, it rains quite regularly. Please, remember to bring an umbrella with you at the beginning and end of the day as we can't open our school gates before 08:15 or 15:15.

As you will now know, if it rains, children need to be brought to, or collected from, our school hall.

It's STILL a bit dark and dirty, don't you think?

I have been speaking to quite a few families about the fact that the pathway families have to use at the beginning and end of the day is not well lit and also quite dirty at times (dog mess, etc.).

Please, let Bromley Council know by logging your concerns here: <https://fix.bromley.gov.uk>

This week, I also spoke to one of our ward Councillors (Cllr Alexa Michael) about this. She offered to help.

I suggest that we step things up if change doesn't happen soon.

Any volunteers to develop a targeted community campaign, please let me know! Our School Prefects and School Councillors will be keen to get involved too!

Again, this is a great way to teach children about responsibility. If we want change, we have to make it happen!



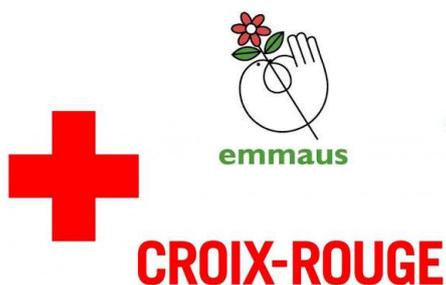
School Houses

Since the beginning of the year, our children have been earning House Points.

As a school, we encourage children to develop a sense of community across all our year groups. Children belong to houses so that they can sometimes join in activities across different ages.

Our five houses are:

- Médecins Sans Frontières
- Emmaüs
- Les Restaurants du Cœur
- La Croix Rouge
- Habitats pour l'Humanité



Children will be learning more about their houses over the coming months. We encourage parents to also research these various organisations if you have not come across them before.



Kathryn Sinclair, a local estate agent, has kindly agreed to donate £1,500 to our school to help develop our school library! We look forward to welcoming Kathryn to our school soon so she can meet our children and parents!

Check Kathryn's website at www.sinclairhammelton.co.uk to see her amazing properties for sale and for rent.



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Our expertise in language teaching has been recognised by Greenwich University as they asked us to develop a partnership with them to help their PGCE students (trainee teachers).

This week, 5 students from Greenwich University spent some time with us, working with children in all classes.

A big thank you to our language expert Mademoiselle Darbourne for overseeing this partnership so professionally.

Similarly, this week, Queen Mary University of London have also been in touch as they are keen to explore the way we encourage language learning with our young children.

Working with Higher Education institutions is a great way for us to encourage our children to aim higher and see university as an option they should have the opportunity to consider (if so they wish, when the get to that point!).



Home Prep – Online Learning



We will soon be launching our online learning platform. For children to be able to access some of the educational websites we have partnered with, you need to make sure

you complete our ICT consent form. Those parents who haven't yet completed their child's form will be informed by their teacher. Completing the form will also enable children to use iPads at school. See www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep for more details.

Coffee Morning – Friday 17th October



I have a computer at home. How can I use it to help my child?

Can we use school programmes on our iPad or Tablets?

Are you worried about E-Safety?



We'd like to invite you to come along to a **special Coffee Morning on Friday 17th October from 08.30-09:30** where you will be able to:

- ✓ Find out more about supporting your child's learning at home
- ✓ Instructions to install programs on either your computer, tablet or iPad
- ✓ Free installation of the programs on your device if brought to the coffee morning
- ✓ Demonstration of programs



Tammy Curtis – ICT Technician for the STEP Academy Trust – will be showing parents apps and programmes that can support your child's learning at home. iPads will be available at school, but feel free to also bring your own tablet (if you have one).

