

*Newsletter 12 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014*



### **Pantomime Trip**

Last Wednesday, we had an amazing time as we all went on our first whole-school trip to the Churchill Theatre to see *Sleeping Beauty*. Children were absolutely amazing and people at the theatre commented very kindly on their behaviour and manners.

A big thank you to all our helpers.

As a small school, we hope to organise other whole-school trips this year.



### **C'est bientôt Noël! It's almost Christmas!**

Something really unexpected happened overnight on Thursday. Our school got decorated by unknown visitors.

According to the children, it can only have been Santa's Elves.

It was wonderful to see the children's faces on Friday morning, as they discovered some wonderful Christmas decorations.

One of our Reception children said "Look! Santa's Elves came to decorate the school last night!"

I'm sure all of you will join us in thanking Santa's helpers!

What a treat!



## Attendance for this week

Marie Curie	Yannick Noah	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	George Sand	Total
98.9%	95.6%	95.6%	95.3%	96.3%

Attendance is monitored weekly and parents whose children are absent regularly will be contacted by the school. If you have any questions, please let us know. You can also see our Attendance policy here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies)

Our target for the year is at least 97.5%. We will keep you updated regularly.



Our approach to the monitoring of attendance and punctuality is guided by government guidelines but also by our focus on the notion of **Children's Rights**. Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, for instance, states that: 'Children have the right to a good quality education. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level they can.'



### School Lunches – Parent Survey

We would be extremely grateful if you could provide us with some feedback on our lunch provision.

As we have not got our own kitchen yet, one of our sister academies (Applegarth Academy) is helping us out, cooking our lunches and then delivering them to us.

You can find the survey there: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/NP5GJCS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NP5GJCS)

We will get children to complete a survey as well over the next few days.



### Christmas Coffee Morning

Come and join us for a special Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 08:30-10:00. We will be celebrating the end of a very successful first term at La Fontaine and wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas break.

Coffee and tea will be provided.

**BRING CAKES, PLEASE!**

### Partnership with Eurostar

This week, we had a great meeting with the Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Eurostar and she was really impressed with our vision and what we have established in Bromley!



We are looking at ways we will be able to develop a clear partnership over the next few years.

In the meantime, Eurostar have kindly agreed to donate tickets for our Christmas Fair raffle and they've also donated £1,000 towards resources for the school!



**CHRISTMAS**  
**— FAIR —**

## Festive Update from La Fontaine Academy PTA

**On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, between 10:00-13:00 (note the new time),  
our school will be holding its inaugural Christmas Fair.**

**We would like to welcome you and your family to our first Christmas fair.**

There will be seasonal refreshments, activities, singing and opportunities to finish off your Christmas shopping. Festive fun for all the family with all proceeds going to a good cause: our main focus being our Mathematics department. A great way to get into the Christmas spirit! The garden will also be officially inaugurated.

**If you are interested, please make sure that you register:**

**[www.lafontaineacademy.org/pta](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/pta)**

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

**The PTA team**



### Developing our Language Teaching practices

Now that our school is truly established, our team will be focusing on what makes us truly unique: our focus on the teaching of French to our children.

Over the next few months, teachers will be looking at our methods and our curriculum to ensure that our provision enables children to learn French and develop a love for language learning.

On Friday, Yves Letournel (pictured right with some of our children, Nathan Hardman (Governor), and Isabelle Dennigan (Chair of Governors)), from the Institut Français de Londres, came to pay us a visit and had the opportunity to meet with some of our Governors, staff, and, of course, children. He was really impressed and said he was very keen to support our work.



### Planting Flowers

Our garden is almost ready, and children have been helping with final touches.

On Friday, all our classes planted flower bulbs which we look forward to seeing flourish in the spring! Another big thank you to all the parents and children who have been helping design our La Fontaine Garden!



### Childcare Vouchers

As we are about to set up a Childcare Voucher system at school, we would need to know which schemes parents are registered with.

If you are already registered with a scheme and would like to use Childcare Vouchers to pay for clubs, please let us know as soon as possible. Merci!

## NEWSLETTER

From January, we will be emailing families our weekly newsletters. If you think we should carry on with paper newsletters, please let me know. You can tell me in the playground at the beginning or at the end of the day.

We are keen to reduce our negative impact on the world by switching to e-Newsletters. However, if you'd rather we carried on printing hard copies at school, we will.

Dr Chapleau