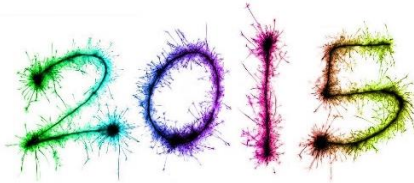


Newsletter 15 – Monday 12th January, 2015




Bonne et heureuse année! All the very best for 2015!

May 2015 bring everyone joy, success but most importantly peace. Unfortunately, the year began sadly for people in France and our thoughts are with the families of those affected by the tragic events which took place in Paris last week.

As a school, we place a strong emphasis on the notions of **respect** and **responsibility** and we work hard to enable our children to grow up to become leaders who can shape society for the better.

Amicalement,



Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher



Swimming from age 4 – Developing life skills and character

We have booked swimming lessons for all children to begin after half-term. We strongly believe that learning to swim early is something children should do.

Please, take your children to your local swimming pool between now and half-term so that they can get used to it.

Letters will be sent home soon with more details. Children are extremely excited about it, as are our staff!



Spelling Bee Challenge

Year 1 and Year 2 children will soon begin their first Spelling Bee Challenge. In teams of 2 or 3, children will be challenged to spell up to 300 words!

Please, help them practise over the next few days, as this will really help them and have a great impact on their writing.

Children have been given booklets with all the words they need to learn and lists are also available on our school website: www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.

ATTENDANCE	MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT- EXUPÉRY	GEORGE SAND	TOTAL
LAST WEEK	95.1%	97.8%	94.3%	92.1%	94.7%

Our Education Welfare Officer will be visiting the school in the next couple of weeks to review attendance figures and be in touch with families if necessary. Do not forget, our attendance target for the year is 97.5%.

Key dates for the Spring Term



INSET DAY	Monday 5 th January
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th January
Last day of term	Friday 13 th February
HALF-TERM	Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
School Opens	Monday 23 rd February
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March
HOLIDAY	Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (Easter)

Monday 26th to Friday 30th January: Values Week
 Friday 6th February: School Carnival
 Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
 Tuesday 10th March: World Maths Day
 Monday 16th to Friday 20th March: Semaine de la Francophonie
 Wednesday 25th March: Parents' Evening

Coffee Mornings and **Share in Learning** sessions will also happen regularly: check our Academy Calendar for details (www.lafontaineacademy.org/events). The first Coffee Morning of 2015 will take place this week (**Friday 16th January**). Next week, our first Share in Learning session will take place (**Friday 23rd January**).



Open Days

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents and carers who have been helping publicise our school over the past few weeks. Over 400 people attended our three Open Days. All commented very positively on what they heard and saw as they came to visit La Fontaine.



Behaviour and Safety Survey

As we constantly strive to improve our practices, we are keen to hear your thoughts about behaviour and safety at La Fontaine. Please, complete the survey you will find in your child's bag and return it to their teacher as soon as possible.