

Newsletter 16 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2015



### Developing Responsible Leaders

Last Friday, our Year 2 children received a rather big package from Eurostar containing lots of aprons. Since the beginning of term, children in Classe George Sand have been amazing leaders, helping younger children at lunchtime, acting as wonderful role models. With their aprons, they now look very professional! A big 'Thank You' to Eurostar for their support.



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### Celebrating French Culture

Children in all classes have been learning about a very French tradition over the past few days: Epiphanie and Galettes des Rois. They have been hearing stories about this traditional event and have been making (and eating!) Galettes des Rois. Making Galettes was great fun!

We have also been learning a song called 'J'aime la Galette'. See [www.lafontaineacademy.org/videos](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/videos) for a version of the song. Sing it with your child!



### Share in Learning

Our next Share in Learning session for Reception classes will take place on Friday from 08:30-09:00. We hope to see you then!

Dates for the rest of the Spring term are available on our website at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/events](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).



## Attendance for this week

Marie Curie	Yannick Noah	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	George Sand	Total
97.9%	96.1%	91.1%	93.3%	94.3%

Our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) came to La Fontaine last week. She was pleased with our attendance monitoring processes. We discussed how to keep things this way. There are a few families whose attendance is below what our EWO would expect. Those families will be contacted in the near future.



### Checking your child's bag for school letters

We have – **sadly** – noticed that some parents are not checking their child's bag daily. Key letters (including Class Newsletters) are placed in the children's bags for you. Sometimes, there are key messages for families in the Class Newsletters. For instance, teachers might sometimes ask you to work on a particular activity with your child. Or they might ask you to make sure your child brings a particular item to school.

**Please, do check your child's bag daily.**



### Looking for childminders

Some parents have been asking if we could compile a list of childminders.

If you know a childminder who might be interested in being on our list, please let us know. This would help parents during half-term and holiday breaks, etc.

Thank you.



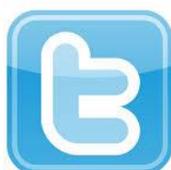
### Toy Sale

A big Thank You to Yalom and his mum for organising a Toy Sale last week! Yalom was very keen to raise some funds for our library and he has managed to collect £15 by selling some his toys.

## Staffing Updates

You will have noticed a couple of changes since the beginning of the Spring Term:

- Now that our intervention groups are organised, Monsieur Courivaud is leading on those. He is now based in Year 2.
- Year 1 have been joined by Mademoiselle Lazarus (a qualified teacher) who is working under Mademoiselle Darbourne's leadership.
- We will soon be joined by an extra Learning Support Assistant (in addition to the ones we already have) due to the fact that our pupil numbers have grown rapidly over the past few weeks.
- Monsieur Harris and Monsieur Shell have also joined our team as Premises Officer and Premises Assistant.
- Madame Heighton, who used to be based in Year 2, left us before Christmas for personal reasons. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.



### Keep in touch throughout the week

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