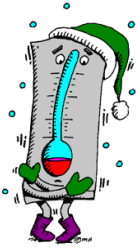


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### **Cold Weather**

Can all parents and carers please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather? Please, remember to get your child to wear gloves, a scarf, and a woolly hat.

**It is important that you label your child's clothes with their name. This is because they might misplace their clothes at times, and we need to be able to identify them easily.**



### **School Uniform**

**The following is taken from our Uniform Policy:**

*“Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy.*

*Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.”*



### **Important reminders:**

- Shoes worn by children need to be black.
- Flashing lights on shoes are not permitted.
- For Year 1 and Year 2 children: ties need to be tied properly and blazers need to be brought to school every day. Children need to do the top buttons of their shirt.
- Boots can be brought to school but children need to change into their school shoes as soon as they are in the building.
- PE kits need to be complete for children to take part in PE lessons and physical activities after school. Not having a complete PE kits is a Health and Safety risk.
- Hair bands need to be white or blue.
- Single studs are allowed for girls.
  - Socks need to be grey (plain).



**There are still some children in Year 1 and Year 2 who cannot tie their ties independently.** Most children have learnt to do this over the past few weeks/months and it is important that those who do not know how to tie a tie yet are supported by their parents and carers to catch up.

Finally, summer dresses will soon be available for sale from our Academy Office. We will switch to our Summer Uniform after Easter (unless it gets warm before then, in which case it will happen earlier!).



### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to the children who made it to Round 4 of our Spelling Bee challenge! We now have 3 children left in the competition!

## Attendance

ATTENDANCE	MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	GEORGE SAND	TOTAL
LAST WEEK	94%	96.1%	93.1%	97.1%	94.9%
SINCE SEPTEMBER	97%	97.7%	96.9%	97.3%	97.2%



### Growth Mindset

Since we came back to school in early January, we have been talking to the children about the importance of learning new things. This is connected to our focus on Character Building (particularly the notion of Growth Mindset).

To help us with this, we'd also like you to try something new! When working with your children, try using these sentences/phrases when you give them some feedback and encourage them with their work.

- When you make mistakes, we can see where you need help.
- Remember how challenging this was? Look how much you have grown.
- You can do it- it's tough, but you can; let's break it down into steps.
- Let's think about how to improve this section/paragraph/sentence/word choice...
- Let's model one together.
- Let's master it!!
- I am very proud of you for showing grit.
- The next time you have a challenge like this, what will you do?
- How will you challenge yourself next time?

The main idea behind this work is that **ability is something people develop through practice**. We therefore focus on praising children for their **efforts**. If they say they can't do something, we correct them immediately and tell them '**You can't do it YET!**'.



### E-Learning Platform

Congratulations to all the children who have been using our E-Learning Platform ([www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep)). We have started giving many children



Certificates to recognise their success!

Those children who have been using Skoolbo and Lexia, for instance, have seen their work greatly improve at school.

If you need any help with Logins and Passwords, come to school on Tuesday morning. Tammy, our ICT Technician will be in to answer questions.



### Wet Play Boxes

Thank you to the parents who have already responded to our **Wet Play Boxes** appeal. When it rains, children have to stay in at playtime. We are therefore putting together boxes with games for them to use. If you have any games you would like to donate, please bring them to the Office (Connect 4, Puzzles, Jenga, Speed Stacks, Guess Who/Qui Est-ce?, Jeux de 7 Familles, Playmobil, Lego, etc.). Merci.



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