

Newsletter 28 – Tuesday 5th May, 2015



CONTACT BOOK

Many parents/carers have suggested that we compile a contact book. This is something which was also mentioned at a recent PTA meeting.

The main purpose of the contact book is to help parents/carers organise playdates, birthday parties, etc.

To help us create our first **Contact Book**, please complete a very short form which you can find there: www.lafontaineacademy.org/contactbook.

The deadline to complete the form (which will only take you 2 minutes) is **Friday 15th May**.

CHARITY FORTNIGHT – LET’S HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WORLD

As you know, our Vision is rooted in a clear sense of purpose. Our practices are based on a commitment to language teaching, outstanding education, and engagement with local and global communities. We want our children to become citizens who can play an active role in 21st century society.



On Wednesday 13th May, we will take part in a special ‘**Live Below the Line**’ lunch in support of Emerge Poverty Free (www.emergepovertyfree.org). Children will be invited to eat a very simple lunch (a plate of rice and a glass of water) to experience what over 1.2 billion people experience on a daily basis, that is eat on less than £1 per day.



WHOLE-ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPH

A big THANK YOU to Danielle and Tatyana who helped us take our first Whole-Academy Photograph last Friday. The photographs taken will soon be available for people to download from our website.



PHONICS WORKSHOP

Year 1 parents/carers (and some Year 2 parents/carers) are invited to a special Phonics Workshop on Friday 8th May, from 09:00-09:45. This is in preparation for this year’s statutory **Phonics Screening Test** (taking place on 17th June). On Friday 8th May, therefore, our Coffee Morning will be shorter (08:30-09:00).



SATS PREPARATIONS

Year 2 children will be sitting their SATs between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd May. To support your child(ren) get ready for their SATs, please ensure that they access our revision papers on our Home Prep page: www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep. Should you need any more details about SATs week, do not hesitate to speak to Mlle Mahlojian or Dr Chapleau.

Attendance – Our target is 97.5%

ATTENDANCE	MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	GEORGE SAND	TOTAL
LAST WEEK	98.6%	94.1%	97.4%	94.8%	96.3%
SINCE SEPTEMBER	96.4%	96.1%	96.9%	96.3%	96.5%

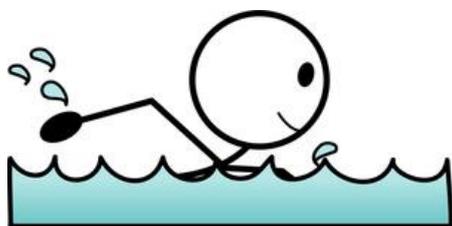


MEET OUR EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

Madame Durkin is supporting our Office Team in terms of attendance and punctuality issues. Working across all STEP Academies, Madame Durkin is able to share with us examples of good practice to ensure that we meet our target of 97.5% in terms of attendance.

Attendance is monitored weekly and parents/carers whose children's attendance falls below 95% are 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

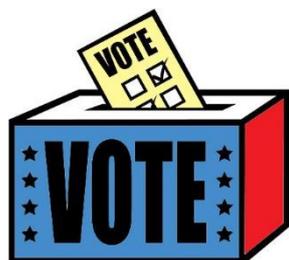
Our approach to the monitoring of attendance and punctuality is guided by government guidelines but also by our focus on the notion of Children's Rights. Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, for instance, states that: 'Children have the right to a good quality education. Children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



SWIMMING – THREE MORE SESSIONS!

Only three sessions left before we finish our first round of swimming lessons. Children have been commenting extremely positively on their experience of going swimming weekly over the past couple of months. We hope you will be able to carry on supporting them and take them to the swimming pool at weekends, if possible.

We hope that our Contact Book (which we will distribute soon after the Friday 15th May deadline) will help families organise Swimming outings!



THURSDAY 7TH MAY – ELECTION DAY

On Thursday, our school will remain open. Our school hall will be used as a Polling Station. Voters will be coming in via a separate gate and the voting area and the school will be clearly kept separate (Risk Assessments are in place, and have been shared with Council Officers).

We will use this occasion as a way to get children to reflect even more on the important of democracy, in line with our teaching of British Values throughout our curriculum.

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