

*Newsletter 2.1 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015*



It was wonderful seeing our 150+ children arrive at school last week on Tuesday. After six 'restful' weeks, we are finally ready for another exciting year. A warm 'Welcome' to all our new families. And a warm 'Welcome Back' to families who were with us last year.

It is great to see how our new Reception children have settled in and how they've already begun building relationships with others in their classes.

A big 'Thank You' to all the families who sent us lovely postcards over the summer break. We are pleased to see that you've had a great time with the children over the holidays.

I am particularly pleased to see that parents have been very quickly involved in the life of the school. Over 60 people came to our first Coffee Morning last Friday and many families attended our Last Night of the Proms – First Night of La Fontaine PTA event on Saturday!

We all look forward to working together for the benefit of our children in what promises to be a busy and exciting academic year!



Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS AND LETTERS**

All Newsletters – and most letters – are sent home electronically. Please, do ensure that we have up-to-date details so that you can be kept in the loop with all school information! We usually text people to let them know emails have been sent.

Newsletters and Class Newsletters are posted on our website:





## A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT SAFEGUARDING

We take Safeguarding very seriously and would like to remind you of some key logistical details:

When coming in for Coffee Mornings, workshops in the hall, etc., parents/carers are kindly reminded to not go to the main part of the building via the doors at the front of the hall. Should you need to go to the Office, please do so via our main entrance.

Parents/carers who spend some time at the school to volunteer (helping with the garden, for instance) should **always** tell the Office first (so that DBS checks can be organised, if necessary). You should also **always** sign in/out.

May we also remind you of our Safeguarding Policy (available here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies)). We place the well-being of our pupils at the heart of everything we do and will always act on their concerns and worries, if necessary. We trust you will support us in ensuring that our procedures are followed at all times.

## SCHOOL POLICIES

The following school policies are available on our website ([www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies)):

- Absence Request Form
- Administering Medicine
- Admissions
- Adverse Weather Conditions
- Anti-Bullying
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Charging
- Child Protection
- Community Cohesion
- Complaints
- English
- EYFS
- Curriculum
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Maths
- Disability Access Statement
- Exclusion
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- Health and Safety
- Home-School Agreement
- Homework
- Meals Arrangement
- Read Write Inc (Phonics)
- Religious Education and Collective Worship
- Safeguarding
- Equality
- Inclusion
- Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation and British Values
- Pupil Premium
- Teaching and Learning
- Student Voice
- Uniform
- Whistleblowing

Please, feel free to familiarise yourselves with them.



## PROMS FUN

Thanks to all the families who attended our Last Night of the Proms – First Night of La Fontaine social on Saturday! It was great to see so many of you and it was wonderful to see so many children dance to Sarah's wonderful singing!

## COME AND MEET MY TEACHER

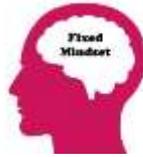


You will have received a text message inviting you to attend a Meet my Teacher session on Thursday. Please, do come and meet your child's teacher at 18:00, in your child's classroom. Teachers will share with you key aspects of our school policies and our curriculum.



## FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy](http://www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy).



## FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee at our special Macmillan Cancer Trust Coffee Morning (08:30-09:30).

During that coffee morning, we'll hold a short workshop on the notion of Growth Mindset, a concept which forms a huge part of our curricular practices at La Fontaine.



## SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

As a staff team, we have been humbled by the sheer volume of emails we have received in support of people affected by the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

Many of you will already know that, as a Trust (The STEP Academy Trust), we feel compelled to act, in line with our clear moral purpose to 'do whatever it takes to improve children's life chances.'



In a letter to Mayor Johnson, our Chief Executive Officer, Mark Ducker, says:

'We know from history, evil triumphs when good people do nothing. For an organisation such as STEP, grounded as it is in moral purpose, we are prepared to do whatever it takes to alleviate this humanitarian tragedy. Many of those who have died, including Alan Kurdi and his brother Galip, are the same ages as the children we serve. [W]here STEP has surplus places, our Trustees and Headteachers are united in their belief that they should be made available to victims of this crisis; if the political will is there to make it happen.'



Many of our parents/carers have got involved and, in the space of two days, a total of £277 was donated. The money has been used to buy 20 tarpaulin shelters, 14 sleeping bags and stove 6 stove kettles.

Dozens of bags of clothes have been donated and given to aid charities to support refugee families in Calais.

We will carry on helping as much as we can, particularly as winter is on its way. Watch this space!



## UNIFORMS

Children need to be in their **full Autumn uniform** every day. We had a few ties and blazers missing today (from Year 1 to Year 3). Remember that long **hair needs to be tied back**. Also, remember that earrings can only be **single, plain studs**. In addition, don't forget to bring water bottles in (which stay at school from Monday-Friday).

Children need to bring their **PE kits** to schools. We had many missing last week. For those children who had their PE kits in, many weren't labelled. To help us ensure that T-Shirts, socks, shorts, plimsolls, etc. don't go missing, **please label everything**. Writing in pen will rub off and won't be visible after a week or so, so a label that you can stick/saw is always

better. We will be checking PE bags this week. Also, remember that children without a full PE kit cannot take part in PE lessons (Health and Safety regulations).

Our full policy is available here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform)



### SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN 1

Thursday 17 September, 18:00-18:45: Come and Meet my Teacher + Governors

Friday 18 September: PTA AGM (N.B. Class Representatives & Committee Candidates MUST be in attendance for voting in)

Wednesday 23 September, 08:30-09:00: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers

Friday 25 September, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning Mcmillan Cancer Trust + Growth Mindset workshop (bring some cakes!)

Friday 2 October, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning (bring some cakes!)

Thursday 8 October (evening): Parents/Carers Quiz Night

Friday 9 October, 08:30-09:30: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers (bring some cakes!)

Wednesday 14 October, 09:00-10:00: Harvest Assembly

Friday 16 October: Coffee Morning + Behaviour and Culture workshop (bring some cakes!)

Friday 23 October, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning (bring some cakes!)

Friday 23 October, 16:00-17:00: Halloween Disco

## easyfundraising .org.uk SUPPORTING OUR PTA

You can support our PTA when doing your shopping online! You will find a link on our PTA website ([www.ptalafontaine.org.uk](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk)). Please, support generously, as all monies raised enable the school to plan even more creative activities for the children to enjoy!



### MEMORIES FROM LAST YEAR

You can watch a video of some of last year's memories here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/mission](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/mission)

A massive 'Thank You' to Ingrid for producing such a wonderful video for us all to enjoy!



We are currently creating a Picture Gallery for families to access hundreds of photographs taken last year by Tatyana, Kate, and Danielle (three of our very artistic parents!). As there are hundreds of photographs, instead of selecting some and leaving some out, we will include all of them. This means that there might be more photographs of some children than some others. We're sure you'll understand that this is unavoidable. When taking the photographs, Tatyana, Kate, and Danielle didn't tick names off lists to keep track of who had been photographed and who hadn't...



### PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Some parents/carers have been in touch to suggest we should try to get TfL and Bromley to work with us to add a pedestrian crossing on Bromley Common. This would enable families travelling to and from by bus to cross the road more safely. Send the Academy Office an email ([office@lafontaineacademy.org](mailto:office@lafontaineacademy.org) – SUBJECT LINE: CROSSINGS) if you would like to get involved.

Like with anything, if we don't roll up our sleeves, nothing will get done! So come and get involved!