

## Newsletter 2.2 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015



### IF ONLY WE COULD OPEN A SCHOOL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, WHERE IT RARELY RAINS!!

Unfortunately, in England, it rains quite regularly. Please, remember to bring an umbrella with you at the beginning and end of the day as we can't open our school gates before 08:15 or 15:15.

As you will now know, if it rains, children need to be brought to, or collected from, our school hall.



### SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN 1

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



### GROWTH MINDSET WORKSHOP

On Friday, we will be holding a special Coffee Morning for parents (in support of the Macmillan Cancer Trust) and we will be discussing the notion of Growth Mindset. With children, we talk about the importance of learning new things. This is connected to our focus on Character Building. To help us with this, and as we'll discuss on Friday, 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?

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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!



### PHOTOGRAPHS FROM LAST YEAR

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...

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## 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!



## TARGETS FOR 2015-2016

Our academic results for last year will soon be published and available on our website. We need to wait for the Department for Education to release them first and inform schools about national data. Usually, KS1 results get published first (Year 2 results), followed by Phonics results (Year 1 and some Year 2), followed by Early Years (Reception) results.

On our website, you can read about our priorities for 2015-2016: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/objectives](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/objectives).

You can also find out more about the impact of our Pupil Premium Grant spending here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/pupil-premium](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/pupil-premium).

Over the next few weeks, we will also publish a report on our work with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) children. In the meantime, you can read about our Local Offer here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/send](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/send).



## PARTY INVITATIONS

Seeing children develop great friendships is great, and we're pleased to see that many playdates, etc., are being organised by families. This is a brilliant way to develop children's social skills.

Can families, however, be mindful when organising such events? Children not receiving invitations can often be left quite upset and this is something we are keen to avoid. Arrangements should therefore be made between families and cards/invitations should not be given out in the playground. Thank you for your collaboration.



## CONTACT BOOK

Many parents/carers have suggested that we compile a new contact book for 2015-2016. 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 build on last year's successful Contact Book, we are asking all parents/carers to please let us know if they would like the following details to be shared with our PTA for them to compile our Contact Book 2015-2016 Edition:

- Name of child
- Class
- Date of birth
- Name of parent/carer
- Telephone number of parent/carer
- Email address of parent/carer

**If you would like some details to not be included, please let us know. Parents/carers who do not contact us will have their details automatically included.**

**Deadline for responses: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**To contact us regarding this: [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk)**



Bromley Museum is closing on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If you haven't been yet, it's a great place to visit! Do try to go if you can, as they'll be greatly missed after the end of this week!  
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