

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.11 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015



## CHRISTMAS CHEER

What a great time we had on Saturday, during our Christmas Fayre. A huge **THANK YOU** to all the amazing parents/carers and friends who helped. A massive **THANK YOU** too to Santa's Elves for decorating the school on Friday night. What a surprise it was to discover a big **CHRISTMAS TREE**, as well as lots of wonderful **DECORATIONS**, in the school as we came to school the following day!

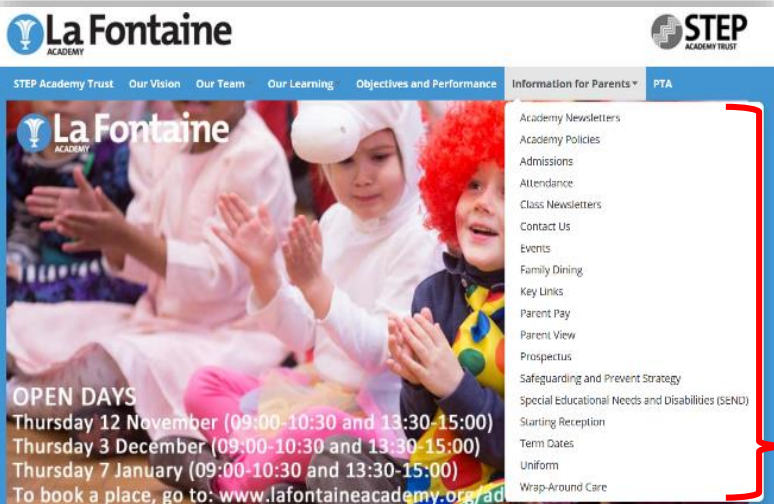
Not only did Santa's Elves helped decorate the school, but **SANTA** himself paid us a visit on Saturday! What a treat!!!



## SWIMMING FROM AGE 4 – LIFE SKILLS AND CHARACTER

We have booked swimming lessons for all children to begin after Christmas. We strongly believe that learning to swim early is something children should do.

Please, take your child(ren) to your local swimming pool over the Christmas break so that they can get used to it (again).



## WEBISTE

Thanks for your positive feedback regarding the way our website has been reorganised.

Most information for parents/carers is available under one tab (Information for Parents).

Sadly, the mobile version of our website restricts the number of items you can see on your phone/tablet.





See our full list of available information in the picture to the left.

## CHOICE OF TOYS – VALUABLE FEEDBACK FROM CHILDREN

Many children, in discussions we've had with them in the playground, have mentioned that they would like to encourage their friends to avoid asking Santa for toys/games that include weapons. In line with some of the things covered in Assembly, we have discussed the fact that play-fighting is, really, a way to say that 'fighting' is ok. Please, consider our children's thoughts and requests as you help them write their letters to Santa. Feel free to go through a few slides used in Assembly last week on the notion of Responsibility: click [here](#) to access them.



## ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 97.5%

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR	GEORGE SAND	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	95.3%	97.4%	97.3%	100% 	95.4%	98% 	97%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	95.3%	96.8%	97.3%	97.4%	96.8%	97.4%	96.8%
PUNCTUALITY	LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	6	1	3	0 	0 	1	11



### TOILETS – PLAYGROUND – CORRIDOR

For safeguarding and logistical purposes, we are currently looking into how our adult toilet (outside our Academy Office) should (or shouldn't) be used.

**The toilet outside the Academy Office cannot be used by parents/carers/friends anymore.**

**There are 2 toilets at the back of the school (just opposite the back entrance to the hall) which can be used between the following times:**

- 08:15-08:20
- 15:15-15:25
- 16:15-16:25
- During Coffee Mornings, Workshops, etc.

Please, remember to ask your child(ren) to stay away from **the rope near the Pioneer Trail**.

Please, also remind your child that they **should not use their scooter in the playground**.

Finally, parents/carers are reminded that they **should not go beyond the partition wall outside the Academy Office**. Similarly, during Coffee Mornings, parents/carers/friends should not go past the doors leading into our main corridor. **If you need to use the toilets, please use the ones just opposite the back entrance to the hall).**



### STEP INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AND LEARN TO CODE

On Friday, during our Coffee Morning Workshop, Monsieur Oliveri will lead a session on ICT and Coding.

Please, come prepared! Have a look at the 'Hour of Code' website and, after Friday's workshop, get involved in coding/programming with your child. Go to [www.code.org](http://www.code.org) for more details.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

If your child would like to write Christmas cards to their friends and teachers, please ask them to post them in our special post-box.

Cards will be given out on the last day of term.

Please, encourage your child to be original in terms of what they write. Use the following questions to help them:

- *What would you like to wish your friends for Christmas?*
- *Is there one thing you'd like to thank your friends for?*

# COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



I have a computer at home. How can I use it to help my child?

Can we use school programmes on our iPad or Tablets?

Are you worried about E-Safety?



We'd like to invite you to come along to a **special Coffee Morning** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, from 08:30-09:30**, where you will be able to:

- ✓ Find out more about supporting your child's learning at home
- ✓ Instructions to install programs on either your computer, tablet or iPad
- ✓ Free installation of the programs on your device if brought to the coffee morning
- ✓ Demonstration of programs
- ✓ Find out more about e-Safety
- ✓ Learn to Code!

iPads will be available at school, but feel free to also bring your own tablet (if you have one).