

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.13 – Monday 11th January, 2016



BONNE ANNÉE – HAPPY NEW YEAR

Warm wishes to all our families for 2016. May this new year bring you all joy and peace and may all your hopes and dreams be fulfilled!

We all look forward to an exciting 2016 as we carry on working closely together to provide our children a great education which will serve them well as they grow to become leaders who can shape society for the better.

We wish a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us last week and this week.



SWIMMING FROM AGE 4 – STARTING NEXT WEEK

We are all looking forward to starting our swimming lessons next week. A huge thank you to those parents/carers who have signed up to help.

Final reminders:

- Children do not need goggles. They need to learn to swim without them.
- Children with long hair need to wear swimming caps. For those with short hair, it's not compulsory. However, if you wish them to wear one, that's fine. **As white swimming caps seem difficult to find, any colour will do.**

Additional information:

- On their swimming day, children will need to come to school in their PE kits. This will enable us to get changed more quickly at the swimming pool. PE kits will need to be brought back to school the next day.
- Children will need to bring a towel to school. Please, label the towel with their name and try to ensure they bring the same one every week so that they get used to what it looks like.
- Boys need to wear [swimming trunks](#) and girls need to wear [1-piece swimming costumes](#). Bikinis and shorts are not allowed.
- Children with long hair will need to have them tied up.
- Make sure your child wears a warm coat, gloves, and a scarf in the first few weeks, as they might get cold while traveling back to school.
- On their swimming day, children will be served packed lunches (provided by the school).
- Please, provide your child with a healthy snack (e.g. cereal bar, piece of fruit, etc.) for them to enjoy after their swimming lesson.
- The pool will be closed to the public while our children have their lessons.
- Children will be supervised by our staff and by professional swimming instructors who are used to teaching young children.



ParentPay






Thanks to the parents/carers who have paid for the swimming lessons already on ParentPay. There are still, however, some families who haven't paid. As explained before, if the £16 be a barrier, please let me know. This will be dealt with in confidence.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

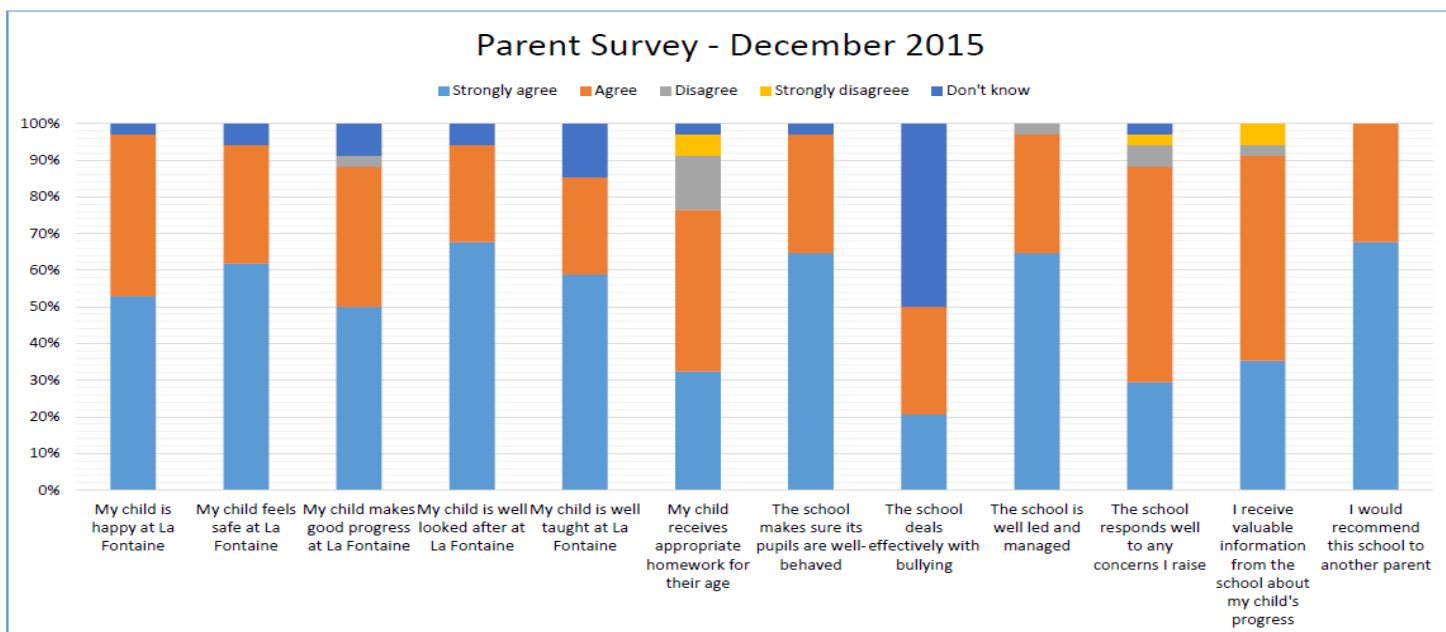
As a way to further develop their character and leadership skills, Year 2 and Year 3 children have become waiters and waitresses at lunchtime. As well as modelling good table manners to younger children, they now help serve some of our food. A big **Thank You** and **Well Done** to all them to their leadership!

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	100% 	96%	98.6%	86.2%	96.9%	98.8% 	96.4%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	95.6%	96.7%	97.1%	96.4%	96.9%	97.5% 	96.7%
PUNCTUALITY	LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	1	2	0 	0 	1	5	9

PARENT SURVEY

Thanks for answering our parent survey before Christmas. The results of our survey are really positive and we are grateful for your feedback.



As usual, if there is anything you would like to discuss more specifically, get in touch.



DATES FOR SPRING 1

Friday 15 January, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning (Reception families)

Friday 22 January, 08:30-09:30: Mathematics workshop

Friday 29 January, 08:30-09:30: French Coffee Morning

Friday 5 February, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning (Reception families)

Monday 8 to Friday 12 February: Multi-Cultural Week (with West African drumming workshops on the Friday)



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Remember that, at the beginning of every half term, we upload our **Curriculum Maps** and our **French Learning Overview** to our website. Look at them to see what learning is going on in your child's class.

Over the next few days, our teachers will finalise their Curriculum Maps. They will then be available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/curriculum.