

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.19 – Monday 29th February, 2016



PROGRAMMING WORKSHOP

It was great to see about 50 parents come to our Programming Workshop last Friday. A big Thank You to Anthony and Amell for talking us through a few activities which families can do at home to support their child's thinking.

As discussed during the workshop, the jobs our children will do in the future probably don't exist yet. This is why it's important to support them with skills which we know will still help them; skills such as: logical thinking and sorting.

To support children with 'programming' skills, you don't need to use electronic devices! Getting them to organise books by size/colour/genre is one way to help them develop their skills. Getting them organise their socks in a logical way is another way of supporting them. Getting them to explain their way to school (straight for 100 meters, turn left, straight for 20 meters, turn right, etc.).

The resources discussed and used during last Friday's workshop are available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops.



SEMAINE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE – AFTER EASTER

Due to the fact that this half-term is really short (only four and a half weeks) and also because all classes have a few workshops coming up (drama and science), we have decided to postpone our Semaine de la Francophonie celebrations until after Easter. It'll enable us to plan lots of exciting activities for the children without having to rush things!



LA FONTAINE'S WALKING BUS

As parking is a difficult issue and as things are bound to get even more difficult as our school grows, a few parents have suggested that we should organise a Walking Bus.

The idea would be that we identify a drop-off point (maybe on the other side of Bishop Justus Secondary School) from which children and groups of parents to walk together, thus avoiding the busy Church Lane and Princes Plain areas.

A meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10th March, in the Hall, at 15:00-15:25, to discuss.**



KEY DATES

Remember that there's an INSET day next Monday (Monday 7th March). Teachers will receive some training on that day, and the school will be closed to children.

Apologies for the confusion regarding the INSET Day on Monday 11th April. It was initially announced as Tuesday 12th April, by error.

London Mayoral elections will take place on **Thursday 5th May**, and our school will be closed.

Similarly, on **Thursday 23rd June**, due to the fact that the EU Referendum will take place, we've been asked to keep the school closed. As the EU Referendum wasn't planned when we set up our Term Dates, Governors will be discussing whether the INSET day on Monday 11th April should be cancelled. We'll inform you as soon as possible.

Every minute counts!		MARIE CURIE	YANNICK NOAH	ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR	GEORGE SAND	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	92.1%	94.7%	98.3% 🏆	97.9% 🏆	98.1% 🏆	93.3%	95.5%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	94.7%	96%	96.3%	95.9%	96.1%	96.8%	95.9%
PUNCTUALITY	LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	6	2	2	4	1	3	18



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We're collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you do your shopping at Sainsbury's, don't forget to collect vouchers for us! It'll enable us to get some extra Sports and Fitness equipment for the children. Place vouchers in your child's bag for us to collect.



STEP ACADEMY TRUST – SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Year 1 and Year 2 children are getting ready for STEP's Spelling Bee finals on Thursday!

Parents of those children selected to go to the finals will be informed on Wednesday. Good luck to all!



WORLD BOOK DAY – FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

We will be celebrating World Book Day Friday!! Children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character.



Please encourage book characters and not those on television shows as we are trying to celebrate the importance of books. We will be handing out a series of prizes for the most creative outfit that can be spent at the book fair.

During this day we will be holding the scholastic book fair for a week. Details will follow nearer the time.

On this day we would love to hold a book swap. Children can bring an old book that is still in great condition and swap with a friend who has brought a book. These books will not be returned so please ensure that they are finished with them. We hope that you will support this fun day and get creative with making an outfit from clothing you already have. Pinterest has some excellent ideas!!



GOCARDLESS

Simpler Direct Debit

A message from our PTA: 'Calling all parents to join our PTA's monthly giving scheme via [Go Cardless](#). This scheme allows our PTA to receive a monthly donation of your choosing by direct debit. These funds will accrue over the course of the school year, allowing us to begin each new school year with curriculum based and extracurricular based funding. As always, the PTA will consult and report on where these monies are spent.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up; if you haven't, please consider joining as your donations will make a real difference.

To sign up for [Go Cardless](#) or find out about other donation options, please visit our PTA donation page at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate. It takes less than a minute to sign up!



UNIFORM SHOP at WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/UNIFORM

Our Online Uniform Shop is now up and running! All items are available online (apart from water bottles, which can be bought via ParentPay). Thanks for your patience.



SUMMER UNIFORMS WILL NEED TO BE WORN AFTER THE EASTER BREAK

SUMMER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS		
	Girls	Boys
RECEPTION	Black school shoes (open toed shoes not allowed)	Black school shoes (open toed shoes not allowed)
	White socks or grey socks (grey socks if wearing grey trousers or Bermuda shorts)	Grey socks
	Summer dress/grey trousers/Bermuda shorts	Grey trousers/Bermuda shorts
	White polo shirt (with school logo)	White polo shirt (with school logo)
	Grey school jumper or cardigan	Grey school jumper or cardigan
	Blue or white hair band	n/a
	Single stud allowed	No jewellery
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ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
BERMUDA SHORTS	



SUMMER HATS are compulsory, in case of hot weather.

A letter about **SUN CREAM PROTECTION** will soon go home, explaining our procedures in case of hot weather.



SUMMER DRESSES: 65% Polyester/35% cotton summer dresses are available via our online shop which you can access at: www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform.

For families wishing to buy 100% cotton dresses, you need to ensure they look like the one on the next page in terms of stripes and colour. Pockets aren't necessary, though.

