

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.28 – Monday 23rd May, 2016



This week, we will be celebrating our second **Semaine de la Langue Française et de la Francophonie**.

All classes will be taking part in special activities focusing on francophone artists.

On Thursday, thanks to our PTA, children will be baking 'madeleines' and, on Friday, all children will enjoy going to our own special **Café de La Fontaine**.

On Friday, children are invited to come to school in clothes of the colour of a chosen national flag from a francophone country (e.g. Belgium, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Switzerland, etc.). **We are asking for £1 donation (to be given to class teachers in the morning)**.



FRENCH COFFEE MORNING

Parents/carers and friends are invited to come to a special **French Coffee Morning** on Friday, straight after drop-off at 08:30.

Remember, you can access our French Curriculum here: www.lafontaineacademy.org/francais.



KEY STAGE 1 SATS (YEAR 2)

Congratulations to our Year 2 children as they showed amazing grit during their SATs week last week. We have been really impressed not only with how well they have performed, but how diligent and focused they have been during this assessment period. Thanks to parents and carers for your support.

As a school, we didn't make a fuss about their 'tests' and treated last week as a 'normal' week. Children had to sit two reading papers and two mathematics papers. With the many curriculum and assessment changes that there have been this year, no-one really knows what national outcomes will look like this year. What we know is that our children did well in terms of our ambitious expectations.

We will keep families informed as soon as the Government release more information about this year's SATs results.

| 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% | 98.6%  | 99.5%  | 95.8% | 98.8%  | 97.7%  | 97.6%  |
| | SINCE SEPTEMBER | 94.8% | 96.5% | 96.4% | 95.3% | 96.1% | 96.6% | 95.9% |
| PUNCTUALITY | LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 |



COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE – PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you to all parents/carers for following school policy in terms of **pick up arrangements**. As you know, we expect families to **contact the office by email** if you need to let us know if someone else will collect your child at the end of the day.

It is key that you **let us know by 14:55 at the very latest**. As you can appreciate, we need to inform teachers with enough notice to ensure they know who will be collecting your child. We send notes out to all class teachers at 15:00.

Don't forget that people collecting your child need to use a password given to us prior to collection.

BEACH TRIP

As you know, we will be taking the children to the beach on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July (with Year 2 staying overnight). A video from last year is on our Facebook page (click [here](#)).

The cost of the trip is:

- Reception, Year 1, and Year 3: £24.00
- Year 2: £40.00

- For families with 2 children at La Fontaine, a 40% discount off the overall cost is available
- For families with 3 children at La Fontaine, a 50% discount off the overall cost is available.

Your payment – which can be made via ParentPay – will cover transport, food, and activity costs. For families which might find the cost prohibitive, please do not hesitate to come and speak to Dr Chapleau. Discussions will be treated confidentially.



SCHOOL PHOTO ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE (STRAIGHT AFTER HALF-TERM)

Reminder: a photographer will come in on Monday 6th June (first day back, straight after half-term).

On that day, **CHILDREN WILL HAVE TO WEAR THEIR WINTER UNIFORM**. This means that Years 1-3 children will have to wear a shirt (not a polo shirt), their tie, and their blazer.

Children in all classes will have to wear trousers or pinafores (summer dresses not allowed). Bermuda shorts are allowed, though.

Children in all classes will have to bring a jumper/cardigan to school. They will be able to take their blazer/jumper/cardigan off if the weather is hot. But they will have to wear them for the photograph itself.



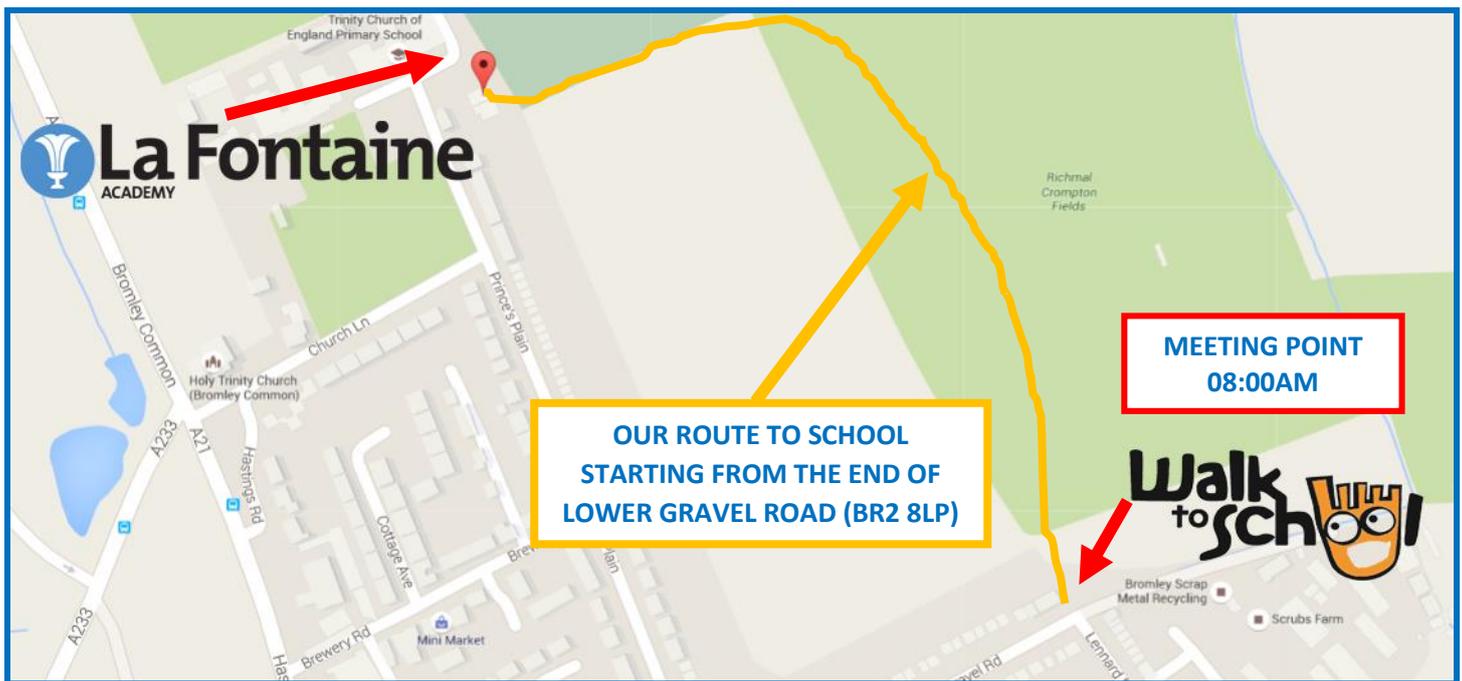
CLASS NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to reduce teacher workload, we will be discontinuing our Class Newsletters from after half-term. School Newsletters will continue to be published weekly and updates are also regularly available via Facebook and Twitter.



THIS WEEK IS WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK!

As you know, we are aiming to set up a Walking Bus to reduce traffic and parking issues near our school.



Our PTA is organising a Walking Bus (**mornings only for now**). Please, come and walk as a group this week, meeting at 08:00am, at the end of Lower Gravel Road (one of the entrances of Richmal Crompton Fields). The postcode is BR2 8LP.

After this week, we'd like to organise a rota for parents/carers to take it in turns.

Helpers will be DBS-checked (which can be arranged by our Office). Children will be wearing La Fontaine High-Viz jackets. The route will be risk-assessed. Going through Richmal Crompton Fields is very safe and it will be a nice walk!

If you are interested, please contact Amell on ml.amatino@gmail.com. As ever, this can only happen if volunteers step forward and get involved.

Wed 8th June @ 7 pm

£10

Curry and Quiz night

Home Made Curry by Chef and LFA's dad Paul Newbury

Menu

Chicken & mung bean curry
Mung bean, sweet potato, cauliflower & spinach curry

Rice & Naan bread

Cucumber & mint yoghurt
Mango chutney
Lime pickle
Chilli & tomato salsa

*Pls book by replying to the post on Facebook
or by emailing contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk*

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE

KEEP CALM AND CURRY ON! This fun PTA fundraising social event will be held on Wednesday 8th June @ LFA from 19:00 and we hope 50 parents will be coming along. The money raised will go towards the new sports and recreation area that is being developed (the overall remainder cost for this is about £2,000).

One of our dads, **Chef Paul Newbury**, will be serving a fabulous range of homemade curries. Another dad, **Matt Francoual** (www.goedhuis.com), has generously sponsored some fine wine for the occasion. The quiz will kindly be prepared again by our **Quiz Master Eric Spicer**.

Please come if you can – and bring family and friends! It will be fun – not serious! Ticket are £10 to include your curry supper. Wines, beers soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available at the event or bring your own drinks. Please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk to reserve your places. Payment will be taken at the event.



CALLING FOR AN ARCHITECT / LANDSCAPE GARDENER!

Is there any parent or a family connection within the La Fontaine Community who could help us design our new sports area? We are looking to achieve a creative, fun playground that can be used for sport activities as well as drama/music performances. The overall cost is circa £2,000. Our weekly ice cream stand is making about £120 each week and our curry night will hopefully get us nearer to the total.

INDUCTION DAY FOR RECEPTION 2016

New Reception families starting at La Fontaine in September 2016 will attend an induction day on Thursday 16th June. We need 10 volunteers to welcome them from 8:00 to 8:45am. If you can help, your child will be able to attend Breakfast Club free of charge while you are at the school. Please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk if you are interested.



SUMMER FETE

The school Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 2nd July from 12-4pm and our first meeting about the fete will be held immediately after the PTA Annual General Meeting on Friday 10th June. Please let us know if you have any good ideas for stalls etc. and if you can't attend this meeting but want to be involved, please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk.

PTA FUNDING

Please find our latest fund raising financials so far:

- Since our last report £825 was donated for the new maths program 'Mathletics', which was made possible by your generous contributions and help from Hshen Lim, Sharon Soyza and Danielle Owen to get the ball rolling!
- We have also donated £700 to the Science and English Workshops and £130.17 to Arts & Craft.
- Currently in development is the Sports Garden and so far we have spent £104.16

Please visit the PTA funding page for further details: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/funded-by-the-pta.



PTA DATES

- **FRIDAY'S ICE CREAM** – The PTA will kindly continue to organise the Ice Cream Stand every Friday afternoon after school until the end of the term. Ice creams will be on sale from 3.30-4.30pm to allow for the children doing after-school clubs. Please, do not forget to give your children £1 to buy ice cream.
- **PTA AGM** – the Annual General Meeting will be held in the school hall on Friday 10th June at 8.40am after drop off. Please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk if you would like anything added to the agenda.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The annual Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 2nd July from 12-4pm and we will have our first meeting about the school fete shortly – date to be advised. Please let us know if you have any good ideas for stalls etc.
- **MUM'S BOWLING NIGHT OUT** – 7pm onwards on Friday 8th July.

GO CARDLESS

Simpler Direct Debit

Help our PTA raise funds to buy resources for the school: sign up for Go Cardless or find out about other donation options by visiting our PTA donation page at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate. It takes less than a minute to sign up!

GO CARDLESS GIFT AID FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

If you are a UK tax payer then please complete a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim an additional 25p on every pound that you give at no extra cost to you. You just need to do a statement to obtain it.

Please visit www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate for further explanation or email Roy directly at royel7@hotmail.co.uk.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

You can support our PTA when doing your shopping online! You will find a link on our PTA website (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!