

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.1 – Monday 12th September, 2016



OUR VISION FOR 2016-2017

It was wonderful to see so many children run through our gates on Wednesday last week, excited to start another year at La Fontaine!

A warm welcome (back) to all our families.

Building on our work from the past two years, our key aim this year will be to carry on establishing a strong and resilient community in Bromley which places our children's well-being at the heart of all we do.

Our work is crucial. Our world is under a lot of pressure. It is our purpose to ensure that all our children and families live happy lives. We will therefore ensure that our collective work is focused on making society fairer and more equal for all.

It takes a village to raise a child, an old proverb reminds us, and we will therefore build strong links between all of us and beyond.

This year, children will work hard. Their teachers will encourage them to try new things every day. At times, children will find learning new things difficult, but they'll never give up and will strive to become a better version of themselves than they were the previous day. By not giving up, we'll ensure they all succeed.

Wishing all our children and families a wonderful year!

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher



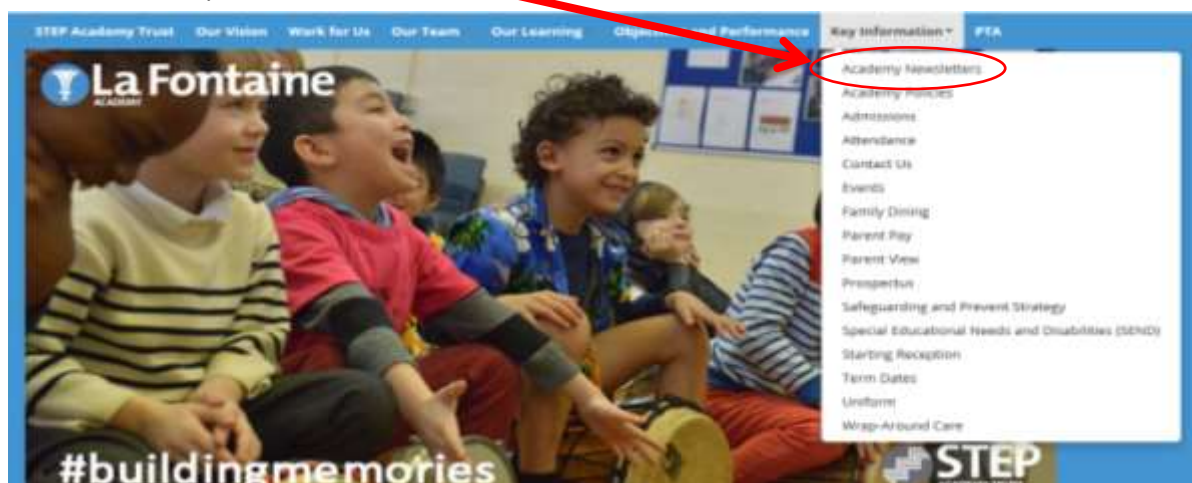
KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Check our regular updates on Facebook and Twitter and share with your friends and family. See www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy and www.twitter.com/FontaineAcademy.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS AND LETTERS

All Newsletters – and most letters – are sent home electronically. Please, do ensure that we have up-to-date details so that you can be kept in the loop with all school information!

Newsletters are posted on our website:





COME AND MEET MY TEACHER

You will have received a text message inviting you to attend a 'Meet my Teacher' session on Wednesday 14th September. Please, do come and meet your child's teacher at 18:00, in your child's classroom. Teachers will share with you key aspects of our school policies and our curriculum.



SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN 1 (ALL AVAILABLE AT WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/EVENTS)

Friday 16 September, 08:30-09:00: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers

Monday 19 September: Gender Equality Day – all children to wear Heroes and Heroines costumes (£1 donations)

Friday 23 September, 08:30-09:30: French Coffee Morning

Friday 7 October, 08:30-09:30: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers

Friday 14 October, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning Workshop – based on Paul Tough's book *Helping Children Succeed*

Friday 21 October: Wear it Pink Day in support of Breast Cancer Now (£1 donations) + French Coffee Morning



TERM DATES FOR 2016-2016

Term dates and key dates for the 2016-2017 academic year are available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/dates and www.lafontaineacademy.org/events.



UNIFORMS

Children need to be in their **full Autumn uniform** every day. We had a few ties missing last week (from Year 1 to Year 4). Remember that long **hair needs to be tied back**. Also, remember that earrings can only be **single, plain studs**. In addition, don't forget to bring water bottles in every day. Bottles cannot be placed inside bags as books will get damaged (for your information, reading books cost about £3 each, and we cannot afford having them damaged because of bottles placed in bags).

Children need to bring their **PE kits** to schools. We had many missing last week. For those children who had their PE kits in, many weren't labelled. To help us ensure that T-Shirts, socks, shorts, plimsolls, etc. don't go missing, **please label everything**. Writing in pen will rub off and won't be visible after a week or so, so a label that you can stick/saw is always better. We will be checking PE bags this week. Also, remember that children without a full PE kit cannot take part in PE lessons (Health and Safety regulations).

Our full policy is available here: www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform



LABELLING ALL CLOTHING ITEMS – COLLABORATION NEEDED

We need your help. There are still many children coming to school with clothes that have not been labelled properly. This is making our teachers' lives very difficult!

If you search 'Labelling Clothes' on Google, you'll find lots of online shops where you can buy labels. Many of them are very cheap (£2 for 20+ labels).

Looking after one or two sets of clothes is simple. Looking after dozens is complicated! So help us make things easier.

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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). 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...

If you do not wish your child to be included in the gallery, let us know by Friday 16th September at the latest.

TARGETS FOR 2016-2017

Our academic results for last year are available on our website: click [here](#) to see them.

On our website, you can read about our priorities for 2016-2017: 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.



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.

ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 97.5%

<i>Every minute counts!</i>		MARIE CURIE (RECEPTION)	YANNICK NOAH (RECEPTION)	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR (YEAR 1)	MARIE JOSE PEREC (YEAR 1)	HAROUN TAZIEFF (YEAR 2)	GEORGE SAND (YEAR 2)	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU (YEAR 3)	LUCIE AUBRAC (YEAR 4)	TOTAL
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	100% 🏆	100% 🏆	96.1%	100% 🏆	98.6% 🏆	93.9%	99.3% 🏆	97.7% 🏆	98.3% 🏆
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	100% 🏆	100% 🏆	96.1%	100% 🏆	98.6% 🏆	93.9%	99.3% 🏆	97.7% 🏆	98.3% 🏆
PUNCTUALITY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	0 🏆	0 🏆	0 🏆	0 🏆	0 🏆	0 🏆	2	0 🏆	2

Attendance is monitored weekly and parents/carers whose children are absent regularly will be contacted by the school. If you have any questions, please let us know. You can also see our Attendance Policy here: www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies.



Our approach to the monitoring of attendance and punctuality is guided by government guidelines but also by our focus on the notion of **Children's Rights**. Article 28 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, for instance, states that: 'Children have the right to a good quality education. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level they can.'

BIENVENUES

We are thrilled to welcome new and returning families to our La Fontaine “Village” and looking forward to work together to make this school a vibrant and blossoming community.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Join the PTA Committee which runs our day to day operations.;
- Put yourself forward as a **Class Representative**; as we are recruiting now. Please, email Sam (samandsteve09@gmail.com) if you are potentially interested or wish to discuss it!
- Volunteer on an ad hoc basis at PTA events throughout the year – events are not possible without wider parent participation;
- Make a donation (more below);
- Email us at contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk with your ideas and suggestions – we may not be able to action them all but we can support you to get an initiative up and running.

DONATIONS

There are several ways you can raise money for La Fontaine beyond PTA fundraising events. Full details and links to join the various schemes are available on our website: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate.



Sign up for Go Cardless! This scheme allows you to make a monthly donation to the PTA via direct debit for an amount of your choice. It takes under a minute to set up online via the above link. Be sure to register as Gift Aid eligible via the instructions on our website. It takes less than a minute to sign up!



Sign up to Easyfundraising and every time you shop online, the online retailer will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for the PTA.

Corporate Matched Giving Programmes

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Please check with your employer if you are interested.

One-Off Donations

If you would like to do a one-off donation, please do not hesitate to email us at contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk.

SAVE THE DATES

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| • MacMillan Coffee | Friday 30 September | After drop off |
| • Welcome to new families | Friday 30 September | Evening event, location TBC |
| • Halloween Disco | Friday 21 October | After school |

More info to come on our website at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2

FACEBOOK GROUP

You are very welcome to join the Parents and Carers Facebook group "**La Fontaine Academy Parents and Carers Group**" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431209427154553/>

Please use this channel if you have any questions, before asking the school to take the strain off the office.

Note that you will need to identify yourself before being allowed in this group for privacy and security purposes.

CARE SHARING

Lift sharing to school is encouraged because of lack of parking. This also helps to cut the number of car journeys made each day and helps ease congestion around the school.

A car sharing group chat has been set up on Facebook, however if you are not on Facebook and would like to participate please speak to Jade in the playground on Thursday or Friday and she will make a post to the chat on your behalf.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PTA is now running a second-hand uniform shop. Donations are welcome. Please contact Lauren (laurenmonte@hotmail.com) if you want to purchase outfits. All proceeds will go to the PTA.



BILINGUAL BOOKS

You can purchase some bilingual books through the PTA by emailing Amell (ml.amatino@gmail.com).

These books are not just to help translation, but actually switch from English to French. Some of them have an audio version (mp3 to download from the publisher website).

The PTA will receive 20% commission from all sales.

More info on our website at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/bilingual-books.

