

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.2 – Monday 19th September, 2016



SHARE IN LEARNING SUCCESS

It was great seeing so many Reception parents/carers and friends attend our first Share in Learning session last Friday.

The sessions, organised by Madame Fortune and Madame Szczurek, aim to give parents/carers ideas which can be replicated at home.

If there are any themes you would like us to explore during Share in Learning sessions, please let Madame Fortune and Madame Szczurek know.

Dates for future Share in Learning sessions are available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/events.

SCHOOL HOUSES

As a school, we encourage children to develop a sense of community across all our year groups. Children belong to houses so that they can sometimes join in activities across different ages. For instance, every week, all children take part in Multi-Skills workshops (led by Madame Kirkegaard).

Our five houses are:

- Médecins Sans Frontières
- Emmaüs
- Les Restaurants du Cœur
- La Croix Rouge
- Habitats pour l'Humanité



CROIX-ROUGE



emmaüs



Habitat pour l'humanité
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Children will be learning more about their houses over the coming months. We encourage parents to also research these various organisations if you have not come across them before.

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.

Every Friday, all unlabelled clothes will be donated to our PTA (uniform items) or to a charity shop (non-uniform items).



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.

ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 97.5%

Every minute counts!		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	97.3%	98.3% 🏆	91.7%	96.4%	97.4%	97.7% 🏆	96.3%	100% 🏆	96.8%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98.3% 🏆	98.9% 🏆	93.3%	97.8% 🏆	97.8% 🏆	96.3%	97.4%	99.1% 🏆	97.4%
PUNCTUALITY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK	3	4	1	1	2	0 🏆	7	7	25

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.



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.'



ABSENCE REQUESTS

Please, can we remind you that absences during term time are rarely granted? This is in line with our Attendance Policy (see [here](#)).

We have an attendance target of 97.5%. Any child whose attendance is below 95% is reported to our Education Welfare Officer and is monitored very closely.

Doctor's appointment, visits to the dentist or the optician need to be organised outside of school hours.



CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

If any of you have any concerns regarding the well-being of anyone at school, please ensure you speak to Dr Chapleau or Madame Edwards, our two Designated Child Protection Officers.

Our Safeguarding Policy, along with all other key Academy Policies, is available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies.



FRENCH COFFEE MORNING THIS FRIDAY

Come along this Friday (23rd September), straight after drop off, for our French Coffee Morning.

At this month's coffee morning you'll get some ideas about how to revise some of the French your children have been learning in the classroom.

We invite you to bring some food to share. £1 voluntary donations welcome!

A vendredi.



GAMES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would love to get more games for children to play outside during playtime (quiet games such as Connect Four, Snakes and Ladders, Guess Who, etc.) but also in class when it rains.

Please, help us build a collection of great games!

Bring any spare games to school (placing them in a bag address to Madame Cockell). Thank you!

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES (KNOWN AS CLASS REPS) STILL NEEDED!

Each of our classes ideally needs to have **2 Class Representatives** to help with communications between parents, the PTA and the school. There will be plenty of support for people taking on this important position and we would like to have our class reps finalised by the end of this week. Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to be class reps. Please email Sam (samandsteve09@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping or wish to discuss it!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



On Friday 30th September, the PTA are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning as part of Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning - <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why>. Macmillan provides invaluable support to cancer sufferers and their families, something that touches all our lives. Please help us in fundraising for the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning right after drop off (8.30-10am) on September 30th. It will be a chance for a catch up as well as supporting a very worthy cause, not to mention the delicious cakes!

If you are able to contribute baked goods, please contact laura.vallerius@hotmail.com.

PARENTS' WELCOME AND SOCIAL EVENING

Join us on Friday 30th September for our first Parents' Welcome and Social Evening at the school. The event will run from 7-10pm and all parents and carers are invited to attend. It will be fantastic opportunity to meet other parents, teachers and teachers' assistants. Meet your children's class rep who will keep you up to date with any pressing issues that may affect your child, as well as upcoming events. You will also hear all about the new school plans from Dr Sebastien Chapleau and to top it off, we will add a French twist to the evening with our cheese and wine feast! A suggested donation is £5 per head payable at the event to include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink and a plate of cheese, breads and other delicacies! There will be a cash bar for further drinks. All profits will go to the PTA. We look forward to seeing you all there!



HALLOWEEN PARTY!

The PTA are planning a Halloween party for all the children on Saturday 22nd October – more details to follow. As our school hall is not large enough to accommodate our growing numbers, we need to find a nearby location for approximately 200/250 people (children and adults). If anyone can suggest a suitable and inexpensive local venue, please email Stacey Bedford: staceymbed@gmail.com.

The PTA will hold an open meeting this **Thursday 22nd September** to plan the Halloween event after drop off. We would welcome any ideas and help you can give to make this a really fun event for the children and also raise some funds for the school. Please meet in the playground after drop-off and the meeting will

either be held in the school or a venue nearby - the venue will be confirmed by text message to all parents mid-week.

School mum and cake-maker extraordinaire, Sharon Newbury, will kindly donate an incredible Halloween cake (worth £150) to be raffled at the event along these lines (see picture above).

More info to come @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2/>

FACEBOOK GROUP

All parents and carers are very welcome to join the Parents and Carers Facebook group "**La Fontaine Academy Parents and Carers Group**" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431209427154553/>. Where appropriate, please ask any relevant questions you may have to this group as our Facebook group has a wealth of knowledge about La Fontaine Academy - and by asking the Facebook group first, it will help relieve the workload of our excellent administration team in the school office!

CAR SHARING

The PTA have set up a Facebook group for Car Sharing, if you would like to participate please contact Jade Menet via the Facebook Page and she will add you to the Group so that you have easy access to speak to other parents who may live nearby to you and are happy to car share. Anyone not on Facebook but who would like to participate in car sharing please email Jade: jadey_browneyes@hotmail.com and she will put you in touch with members of the Car Share group. 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.

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 any uniform items. 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 @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/bilingual-books/>

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.

GO CARDLESS

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!

EASY FUNDING

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

Email us at contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk with any comments, ideas and suggestions – we may not be able to action them all but we will do our best!