

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.5 – Monday 10th October, 2016



HARVEST 2015

To celebrate Harvest, and to develop our children's understanding of their place in society, we will be collecting food and various other items which we will donate to Emmaus UK and send to children refugees.

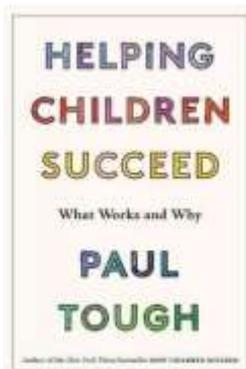
To support the work of Emmaus UK,

we would like Reception and Year 1 children to bring some of the following items to school from Monday 10th to Friday 14th October: non-perishable foods (pasta, rice, cans, flour, cereals, lentils, etc.).

We would like Years 2, 3 and 4 to focus on toiletry items (shower gels, shampoos, shaving foam/gels, etc.).

In addition, and like last year, we would also like to collect lots of teddy bears which we will send to children refugees, with messages written at home by children and parents/carers to show our support to children seeking a better life.

Thanks for your generosity and for your commitment to helping us make society fairer.



COFFEE MORNING WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

We look forward to seeing many of you on Friday morning, straight after drop-off, to reflect on and discuss some of the principles used at La Fontaine.

We will pay particular attention to the notion of 'MOTIVATION' and will argue that rewards need to be considered very carefully when bringing up children!

As usual, please bring some cakes. We'll provide all with tea/coffee.

See you then.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS – FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER

On Friday 21st October, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in pink! We will use that day as a way to raise awareness about breast cancer. Children are invited to bring in £1, which we will donate to a cancer charity.

Parents/carers are also encouraged to wear pink on that day!



AIMING FOR 97.5% FOR ATTENDANCE AND 100% FOR PUNCTUALITY

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	98% 🏆	98.6% 🏆	94.7%	99.3% 🏆	93.9%	98.2% 🏆	92.5%	98.6% 🏆	96.8%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98.5% 🏆	98.6% 🏆	95.6%	97.9% 🏆	96.4%	98% 🏆	96%	98.8% 🏆	97.5% 🏆
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	99.7%	98%	100% 🏆	100% 🏆	99.6%	100% 🏆	99.2%	98%	99.3%

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.'



HOME PREP – AVAILABLE TO ALL

Please, remember that we have invested in a few e-learning tools and platforms to support children with their learning.

Using the available apps, teachers will be able to track our children's progress in key areas of their learning.

Looking at the data reports from last year, we clearly noticed that children consistently using the apps (particularly **MATHEMATICS, LEXIA AND OXFORD OWL**) made more progress than those who didn't.

We recommend that children use the apps 3 or 4 times a week, for 15/20 each time.

Our e-learning platform (Home Prep) is available via our website at www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.



RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a school focused on the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child, we talk a lot about rights and responsibilities.

This week, all classes will be developing charters that define what behaviours a responsible learner should exhibit.

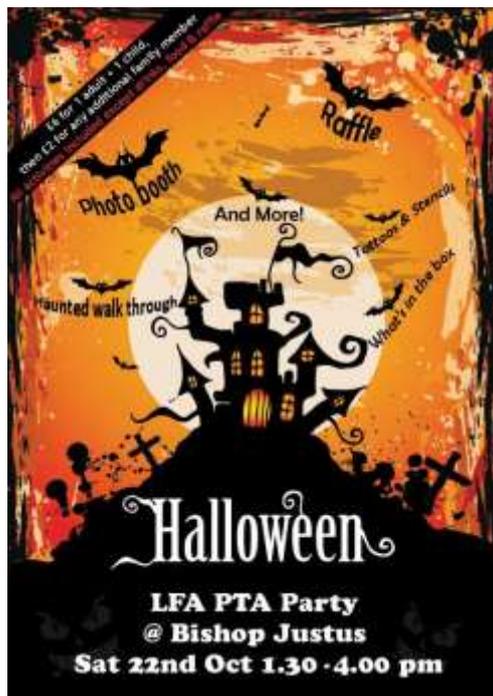
We'll soon send their charters home for you to discuss with them!



SPONSORSHIP

As we are developing our competitive sports teams, we are calling on your support!

If you know anyone who could sponsor the purchase of our football kits, netball kits, etc., please let us know! Corporate sponsorship very much welcome!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

The PTA will hold a Halloween party for all the children on Saturday 22nd October from 1.30 to 4pm at Bishop Justus School.

156 tickets have already been sold for what promises to be a fantastic, fun and memorable Halloween party! Later this week you will all receive a letter in your child's school bag about the Halloween Party. There will be a slip for you to fill in and return in your child's school bag if you want to buy tickets. Tickets are £6 for an adult and one child, and then £2 per additional ticket for an additional child or adult. Alternatively, you can purchase the tickets at the following times this week:

- Monday pick up 3.30
- Tuesday drop off
- Wednesday Pick up 3.30
- Friday Drop off

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets at the same times even if you can't make the party, there are some great prizes!

The Halloween party is of course fancy dress so there will be a **fancy dress competition** so get your thinking caps on. We can't wait to see all the children (and adults) dressed up! However, we do not want to frighten any of the children and so parents are asked not to make their children look too scary, particularly from the neck upwards, and particularly not to wear scary masks. We also ask for no blood, no guts and no weaponry to be used on the outfits. The PTA will have the right to ask for any scary masks to be removed!

We would also like to hold a **pumpkin carving competition** so please bring your ready carved pumpkins and place them on the stage to be judged.

More info @ www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/halloweentix

CALL FOR HALLOWEEN VOLUNTEERS

We urgently need another 5 volunteers to help us set up the Halloween party (11am-1pm) and another 4 volunteers to help us clear up afterwards (4-5pm). If any parents can come to the school at 11am to help to take all the Halloween equipment from La Fontaine across to Bishop Justus school hall. We also need help to run a stall, bake a cake, donate decorations, or simply buying a ticket and encouraging your friends to do the same (the sooner we know numbers the easier it is to prepare).

If you would like to help and have not given your details to the class rep then please do this ASAP or contact Stacey directly on staceymbed@gmail.com

We also need some volunteers to blow up balloons at home and bring them to the party! Again please email Stacey if you have plenty of puff!

Thank you to those who have helped so far with suggestions, hard work and enthusiasm. It promises to be a really fun party!

MUM'S NIGHT OUT!

Please save the date in your diary! The next Mum's night out will be held on Friday 25th November (7.30-11pm) at La Fontaine Academy mum Sarah Dixon's brand new café, Ginger & Bean, on Market Square, Bromley.

Good luck Sarah with your new venture! Ginger & Bean will provide a substantial buffet of cheese, charcuterie, breads, fruit and a dessert etc. The cost will be £10 per head for the buffet and then the PTA will run a bar. We hope as many mums and carers as possible can make it along.

More info @ www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2

DAD'S NIGHT OUT!

Please save the date in your diary! The next Dad's night out will be held on Friday 2nd December – location and more details to follow very shortly @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2/>

MEETING MINUTES

Thank you to all who were able to attend last Friday meeting, discussing mainly Halloween organisation as well as coming events. Minutes can be found @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/LFA-PTA-Minutes-07.10.2016.pdf>

All other minutes can be found @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/pta-minutes/>

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.

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.





POPCORN FRIDAYS ... COMING SOON

The PTA have bought a Popcorn Machine for the school. Following the hugely successful Ice Cream Fridays that ran through the summer term, we will now run Popcorn Fridays! A rota will be made so that every class takes turns to make the popcorn and sell it every Friday at 3.30/4.30pm pick up. Your class reps will be in touch about this soon!

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Where appropriate, please ask any relevant questions you may have to the Facebook or WhatsApp group has a wealth of knowledge about La Fontaine Academy - and by asking these groups first, it will help relieve the workload of our excellent administration team in the school office!



WHATSAPP GROUPS

Every class now has a WhatsApp group, allowing class reps, parents and carers to stay in touch with each other, share information, ask questions etc. If you would like to be added to your class WhatsApp group, please email your name and mobile phone number to contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk and we will ensure that you are added.



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/>.

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.

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. All 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/>



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!

then £6 for 1 adult + 1 child, member
All activities included except drinks, food & raffle

photo booth

Raffle

And More!

Tattoos & Stencils

Haunted walk through

What's in the box

Halloween

LFA PTA Party

@ Bishop Justus

Sat 22nd Oct 1.30 - 4.00 pm