

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.7 – Monday 31st October, 2016



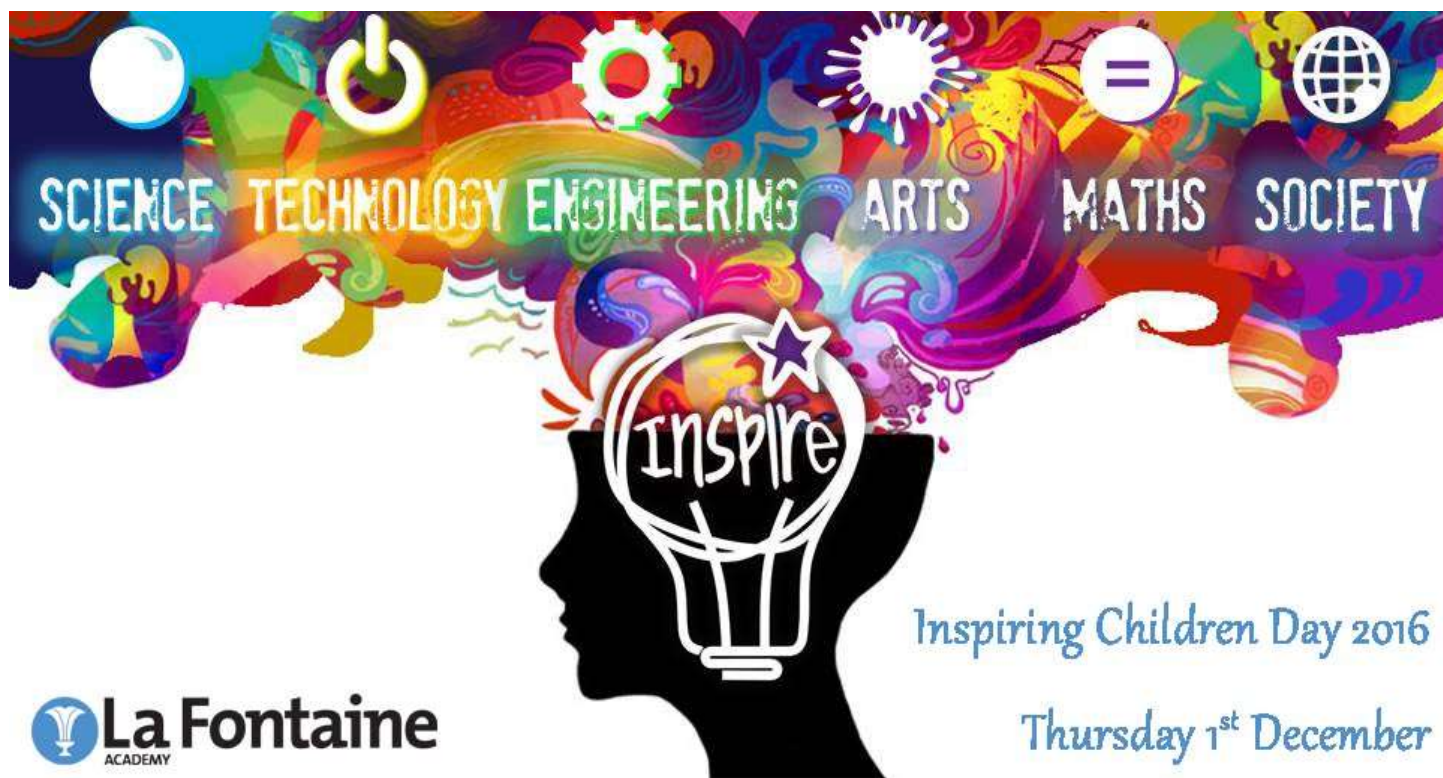
AUTUMN 2 CHALLENGE – SPELLING FOR ALL

Many parents/carers have been asking us how they might be able to support children with spellings. On top of the spelling words that go home every week, children need to learn words described as High Frequency Words.

These words form an essential basis for your child's learning and it is key that you help them learn them (spelling games, etc.).

WE CANNOT GET YOUR CHILD TO KNOW HOW TO SPELL ALL THESE WORDS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT! THANKS FOR GETTING INVOLVED!

We'll send you the list of words for you to keep at home. They're also available on our Home Prep page (e-learning platform) at www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.



We are organising a day where parents/carers/friends could come to La Fontaine and tell our children about their jobs. This will take place on Thursday 1st December, in the afternoon.

We are particularly interested in professions which are aligned to our school values and which children would be inspired by! Our key areas of focus, as you know, are:

- Impact (e.g. people who work for charities, as public servants, hospitals, etc.);
- Creativity (e.g. people who design things, use technology, play music professionally, etc.);
- Challenging of stereotypes (e.g. women firefighters, etc.).

The aim is to inspire children and further enable them to focus on their dreams.

So, if going to work feels like 'living a dream', and if you know you can talk about your work/dreams to a young audience (you need to be fun!), please come and inspire us! You can sign up at www.lafontaineacademy.org/dreams.

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	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98.4% 🏆	98% 🏆	96.2%	98.1% 🏆	96.6%	97.6% 🏆	96%	98.5% 🏆	97.5% 🏆



PLASTIC LIDS

We would like to create an art piece using flat plastic lids, so could you please keep hold of the lids from milk bottles, water bottles, soft drinks etc. Please, carry on sending plastic lids to school. We need 100s more!



INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLINGS PHOTOGRAPHS – HEADS UP!

A school photographer will be coming to school on Friday 11th November to take individual and siblings photographs. Put the date in your diaries to organise visits to the hairdresser (if needed) a few days before!

e-LEARNING

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 **MATHLETICS, 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.



SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN 2 (ALL AVAILABLE AT WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/EVENTS)

Friday 4 November, 08:30-09:30: PTA Coffee Morning

Friday 11 November, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers

Friday 11 November: Individual School Photographs

Friday 18 November, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning Workshop

Monday 21 to Friday 25 November: Creativity & Innovation Week (exhibition in the Hall on Friday 25, from 14:30)

Friday 25 November, 08:30-09:30: PTA Coffee Morning

Friday 2 December, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers

Friday 9 December, 08:30-09:30: French Coffee Morning

Saturday 10 December: Christmas Nigh Market

Wednesday 14 December, 13:30-19:00: Parents' Evening

Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December: Nativity Productions

Friday 16 December: Christmas Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20 December: Christmas Jumper Day (in support of **Habitat for Humanity**) + Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21 December: Pantomime

BIENVENUES

We hope you enjoyed your holidays and ready to carry on this first term with brio and panache! Please make sure you attend the many events contributing to build La Fontaine Village.

- **Christmas Planning Coffee Morning** Friday 4th November
- **Mum's night out** Friday 25th November
- **Dad's night out** Friday 2nd December
- **School's Christmas Decorations** Monday 5th December
- **Christmas Night Market** Saturday 10th December

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

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Planning for La Fontaine's Christmas event to finish off the calendar year, is well under way! We invite everyone who is interested in helping to come along this **Friday 4th November straight after Drop Off**.

The **Christmas Night Market** at La Fontaine is promising to be a fantastic night of music, traditional Christmas fare, a range of delightful market stalls to help fill up your stockings, and of course great fun for the kids with exciting festive games and Santa's Grotto.

More info on our website at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas.

DONATIONS

We will be asking for donations during the course of the weeks leading up to the event. So please do keep them in mind as you are shopping or tidying up around your home! They will be:

- Monday 7th – Friday 12th November – one or more jam jars or similar filled with sweets for the Sweet Tombola
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th November – one or more bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for the Bottle Tombola
- Monday 21st – Friday 25th November – one or more presents suitable for a mum or dad for the Secret Present
- Monday 28th – Friday 2nd December – please send in good quality second hand toys
- Monday 5th – Friday 9th December – please send in second-hand books
- Friday 9th December – please send in home-made cakes, cookies etc.

CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS

We are inviting external vendors to attend the event and are offering parents and carers, and their friends and family, the opportunity to rent a space at the Christmas Night Market. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to reserve a space, please contact Fiona Fiona@businessjunction.co.uk.

LA FONTAINE'S CHRISTMAS DECORATION

Please donate your Christmas decorations to the school. As we did in previous years, parents will meet in the school after 7pm to put them on. That will be also an opportunity to be and eat together. Pizzas? Mulled wine? Your suggestions are welcome. We may plan this for Monday 5th December. Don't tell the children!!

CHRISTMAS TREES

PTA will be providing high quality Christmas Trees at a competitive price. Please contact Fiona@businessjunction.co.uk.

More to come, such as **Luxury Christmas Pudding**, on our website at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thank you to everyone that was involved in making this year's Halloween party such a success. The PTA raised over **£1300!!!** You can learn more at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/halloweentix.

LA FONTAINE FUTURE HUB

Encore merci to **Eric Asare** from www.westminster.impacthub.net for donating the hub and a bigger merci to those who helped in dismantling and moving the Hub that will be used in La Fontaine's new school. You can find out more about this amazing all-day adventure at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/appeal.



BILINGUAL BOOKS

You can purchase some bilingual books through the PTA which receive 20% commission. These books are not just to help translation, but switch from English to French. All of them have an audio version (mp3 to download from the publisher website).

Please order by Monday 31st October to get the books in November by emailing Amell ml.amatino@gmail.com

More info on our website at 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.



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.