

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.9 – Monday 14th November, 2016



READING WORKSHOP: DECODING SKILLS VS. COMPREHENSION SKILLS

In response to a few queries from parents/carers (particularly in Year 1), we will be organising a workshop to discuss how reading is taught at La Fontaine.

When: **THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 08:45-09:30**

Reading is a complex process which requires two key skills: **decoding** (i.e. the ability to sound words out) and **comprehending** (i.e. the ability to understand, explain, and justify what words means in specific contexts; the ability to understand metaphors and authorial intent, etc.).

Whilst it is easier to decode words (and our Phonics results demonstrate the impact of our teaching in that area), we focus a lot on ensuring that children, at all stages of their primary education, **master key/essential comprehension skills**.

Our workshop will help parents/carers ask Higher Order Questions to support their children's comprehension skills.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES



This year, we will have six performances: 2 performances for Reception, 2 performances for Years 1 & 2, and 2 performances for Years 3 & 4. Tickets will be available soon.

- ❖ Reception performances: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December, 09:15-10:00
- ❖ Years 1 & 2 performances: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December, 13:30-14:15
- ❖ Years 3 & 4 performances: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December, 14:45-15:30



COFFEE MORNING WORKSHOP – FRIDAY, AFTER DROP OFF

This Friday (18th November), there will be a workshop during our Coffee Morning.

Madame Holland will be building on our last workshop where we explored the notion of 'intrinsic motivation'. As discussed at the last workshop, we will share with you some of the work we have been doing to support develop skills which we believe will enable them to become more motivated long-term.

Madame Holland will also explore the notion of 'Attachment' and will provide parents/carers/friends with some advice in order to further develop links between yourself, as an adult, and your child(ren).

ADVANCE NOTICE – PARENTS' EVENING

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 14th December.

We will be organising bookings electronically this year. A message will be sent to all parents/carers in the next few days.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU WANT TO BE?

In Assembly, children have been discussing our school values and have been asking themselves and each other the following question: What kind of person do you want to be?

Help them discuss this at home and share thoughts with them. As we tell them, it's consistent actions who make us who we are, not one-off actions... See what they say...

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	95%	95.7%	94.7%	95%	89.1%	90.9%	94.6%	92.1%	93.6%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	98% 🏆	97.7% 🏆	96.1%	97.8% 🏆	95.9%	96.7%	96.1%	97.4%	97%
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	98.4%	96.8%	100% 🏆	99.3%	97.4%	100% 🏆	98.4%	99.3%	98.7%



PLASTIC LIDS

We will soon create an art piece using flat plastic lids. Please, keep hold of the lids from milk bottles, water bottles, soft drinks, etc.. Please, carry on sending plastic lids to school. We needs 100s more!



UNIFORM REMINDERS

The following is taken from our Uniform Policy:

“Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school’s culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy.



Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security.”

Important reminders:

- Shoes worn by children need to be black.
- Flashing lights on shoes are not permitted.
- For Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4 children: ties need to be tied properly and blazers need to be brought to school every day. Children need to do the top buttons of their shirt.
- Boots can be brought to school but children need to change into their school shoes as soon as they are in the building.
- PE kits need to be complete for children to take part in PE lessons and physical activities after school. Not having a complete PE kits is a Health and Safety risk.
- Hair bands need to be white or blue.
- Single studs are allowed for girls.
- Socks need to be grey (plain).



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

SAVE THE DATES

Please make sure you attend the many events contributing to build La Fontaine Village. They are listed at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2.

If a personal or financial issue is holding you back from attending an event or participating in any way, please contact the PTA Chair Amell Amatino ml.amatino@gmail.com in strict confidence and every effort will be made to help you.

SCHOOL'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Wednesday 23rd to Wednesday 30th November from 3 to 4.15pm

This book fair is run by the school with the support of parents and carers. We urgently need some more volunteers to help at the book fair. If you are willing to assist, please contact Amell ml.amatino@gmail.com

MUM'S NIGHT OUT

Friday 25th November from 7.30 to 11pm

The next Mum's night out will be held at La Fontaine mum Sarah Dixon's [brand new café, Ginger & Bean](#). It is located on Market Square, in Bromley. Ginger & Bean will provide a delicious and substantial buffet of cheese, charcuterie, breads, fruit and a dessert etc. It is free to attend and if you want to eat, the cost will be £10 per head for the buffet and the PTA will be running a bar. We hope as many mums and carers as possible can make it along. As we need to know the numbers please book your places via Eventbrite here: <http://bit.ly/2eFoj65>.

DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Friday 2nd December

This sociable get-together is a great way for dads and carers to meet other. La Fontaine dad, Alex Mitchell, is organising this night out so please email Alex on: alex@epsompace.co.uk if you would like to come along.

PLEASE HELP TO DECORATE THE SCHOOL

Monday 5th December 7pm onwards

Don't tell the children! Please donate any unwanted Christmas donations and come to the school to help decorate the school. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided courtesy of the PTA! Please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk if you want to donate any decoration and if you can help decorate the school.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The PTA have secured a great discount from a local farm to provide us with top quality Nordic Non-Drop Christmas Trees. The trees will be bulk-delivered to the school and can be collected anytime from midday-6pm at the Christmas Night Market on Saturday 10th December (or by arrangement on Friday 9th or Monday 12th). Please also see if any of your friends or family would like to order their trees through us too. Please email your order specifying quantity & tree size to Fiona@businessjunction.co.uk. Payment options are listed at <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas/#tree>.

Tree size	Retail price	La Fontaine price 15%(ish) discount
4-5 ft	£30.00	£25.00
5-6 ft	£40.00	£34.00
6-7 ft	£45.00	£38.00
7-8 ft	£55.00	£45.00

LA FONTAINE FOOTBALL KITS, FOOTBALL GOALS, NETBALL BIBS AND NETBALL POSTS

The PTA are appealing for sponsorship to buy 10 La Fontaine football kits which will cost £200 and two football goals which will cost £250. The school also needs 4 sets of netball bibs costing £200 and 2 netball posts costing £388. Two families have already kindly given £350 to purchase some gymnastic equipment. If anyone is able to help please email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk and we will get straight back to you!

FRIDAY'S HOT DRINKS ON SALE AT PICK-UP

Please bring some small change

Hot drinks, popcorn and Christmas raffle tickets will now be on sale **every Friday after school from 3.30 until 4.30pm**. This will help to fund decorations and to buy the food for the Christmas Night Market on Saturday 10th December.



CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET

Saturday 10th December from 3 to 6pm

Join us as we say farewell to 2016 with a Christmas Night Market at La Fontaine traditionally a great fundraiser for La Fontaine!

Volunteers are needed to help man our amazing Christmas Stalls including Food and Games! Please either put your name down on the volunteer roster in the school playground, or email contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk if you can help. You can see the full range of stalls here: <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas/#market>.

GAZEBOS / GENERATORS / PATIO HEATERS / FLOOD LIGHTS

If you have any of the above equipment that you could lend us for Saturday 10th December, we would be very grateful! Please contact hshenlim@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS – BOTTLES!!!

This week we're collecting bottles of drink for the Bottle Tombola. Drinks can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Please drop them off at the school office. Thank you :)

There is a full list of all the various donations that the PTA will be kindly requesting in the weeks leading up to the Christmas Night Fair here: <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas/#donations>

CHRISTMAS LUXURY PUDDING

The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company make their fabulous puddings for Fortnum and Mason, Harvey Nichols and for us. These delicious treats will raise your Christmas and La Fontaine PTA's funds to new heights. Spread the word to your family, friends or even work.

For more information and to place an order go to <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/christmas/#pudding> and click on the Christmas Pudding order form link.

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RAISE MONEY WHEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please remember to use EasyFundraising while online shopping. This cost you nothing whereas money is raised for La Fontaine Academy! There are **over 2,700+ online retailers** taking part in EasyFundraising, [click here to start now](#).

There are other 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.