

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.15 – Monday 9th January, 2017



A NEW YEAR – A HOPEFUL YEAR

On behalf of all our staff at La Fontaine, we wish you all our children, our families, our friends and neighbours a great year. May 2017 bring us all peace and joy.

This year, more than ever, we will carry on focusing on enabling our children to become leaders with a vision.

This year, more than ever, we will carry on building links between ourselves as members of La Fontaine Academy: parents, grand-parents, friends, and neighbours.

Strongly believing in the importance of developing relationships between all of us, we aim to build a school which is more than a place for children to read, write, count, etc. Our aim, as you know, is to ‘build a village’, a place where relationships are such that people help each other, look after each other, and share a common purpose. This purpose, for us, is manifold: we aim to ensure that our children become change-makers. We aim to ensure that our streets become safer and our world more peaceful.

Over the next few months, as we get ready to move to our new site in the Bickley area, we will spend some time working as a community to establish what a La Fontaine Village should look like. Watch this space!

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher



ORACY PROJECTS

To develop our children’s leadership skills, we want you to help them produce presentation reflecting on some of the United Nations’ Global Goals. Teachers have spoken to children about this and we now look forward to hearing many powerful presentations helping us reflect on what can be done to improve the world.

That’s because we strongly believe, amongst many things, that:

- The world we live in should be much better than it currently is
- We – *all of us* – have a responsibility to make the world a better place
- ‘Doing something’ is much better than ‘moaning’
- Children at La Fontaine should be supported to become leaders (and not just passive onlookers) who can be change makers

WHO? All of us. We want all parents/carers to support their children identify things they don’t think are right. These things are likely to fall under one of the Global Goals categories listed above.

WHAT? All children (and their parents/carers) need to produce presentations, videos, posters, speeches, etc. These can be done in teams (children together or parents/carers with their children). These will be presented in class and assembly by children.

WHEN? Every week. We aim to have all children produce projects very regularly.

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	86.7%	87.9%	94.4%	96.4%	92%	99.3% 🏆	94%	97.6% 🏆	93.4%
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	96.8%	96.4%	95.5%	97.2%	96%	96.4%	95.9%	97.1%	96.4%
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	99.5%	97.8%	100% 🏆	99.5%	99.3%	99.3%	96.7%	99.5%	99%



PE KITS IN SCHOOL

We are currently reviewing how often PE kits should go home. As there are a large number of children who often forget to bring their PE kits to school, like many other schools, we are considering keeping PE kits in school longer, only sending them home twice or three times per half-term.

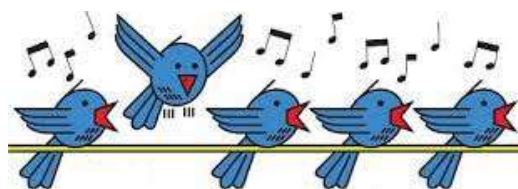


La Fontaine Academy's Year 3 and Year 4 Choir

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 CHOIR

Monsieur Speziale will be starting a choir in the spring term. The choir will be open to Years 3 and 4 children. The choir will be held in the Year 4 classroom every Tuesday from 13:05 until 13:30.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th January in the Year 4 classroom. Interested children should notify Monsieur Speziale and prepare a short song of their choice for the audition. Children will need to sing 'a cappella' during the audition.



La Fontaine Academy's Dads' Choir

DADS' CHOIR STARTING SOON

As many dads will know, we are organising a dads' choir! **Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th January, at 19:00.**

Watch this space and be prepared to push yourselves out of your comfort zone! #TrySomethingNew #GrowthMindset



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 lots more!



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

- Friday 6th January, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning
- Friday 13th January, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers
- Friday 20th January, 08:30-09:30: Coffee Morning Workshop on E-Safety and the Psychology of Technology (<< key for those of us using, and depending on, their phones and tablets too much!)
- Friday 27th January, 08:30-09:30: French Coffee Morning
- Friday 3rd February, 08:30-09:15: Share in Learning workshop for Reception parents/carers
- Friday 3rd February, all day: Problem Solving workshops and activities for all classes
- Monday 6th to Thursday 9th February: Diversity Week (with Steel Pan workshops on Thursday 9th)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

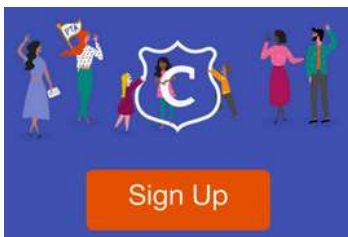
We hope you enjoyed the festive season and made the most of the winter break. We can all look back proudly at the 1st term, and smile remembering how children enjoyed it, culminating at Halloween Party and Christmas Market. We hope that you are ready now for the 2nd term and the many surprises and opportunities that lay ahead – starting by a [Cheese and Wine evening on the 8th March](#).

2017

PTA wishes you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful year!

CHRISTMAS MARKET FEEDBACK

Please send your feedback, observations and suggestions about Christmas Market to your class representative by 15th January. This 'Lessons Learnt' process enables us to improve the event continuously. Please send us your valuable feedback. If applicable, it will be taken on board for the next event.



CLASSLIST – LAUNCH 1ST FEBRUARY

Our new official communication channel

1st of February, PTA and Class Representatives will be using only **Classlist** to make announcements and share documentation such as homework as La Fontaine Academy is supporting us in this initiative. Please make sure you sign up now by then @ <https://parent.classlist.com/#/register/find-school>

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined the Classlist demo session last Friday. It was nice to see your enthusiasm about this new tool. We are confident that this application considerably streamline the communication and help us to build **La Fontaine Village** in a secure and safe way.

You can find the demo presentation @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist/>

Snapshot of what Classlist can offer

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|  <p>1. Reliable class contact books for easy group contacts</p> |  <p>2. Secure data protected parent messaging platform</p> |  <p>3. School-run map to find other parents nearby</p> |
|  <p>4. Event ticketing and payment function (Paypal)</p> |  <p>5. Free listing page for lost items, to buy, sell or give stuff away</p> |  <p>6. Easy invite function for private kid's parties</p> |

PTA will provide a discussion session on **Friday 24th February @ Morning Coffee**. Please come with your observations and suggestions. Indeed, Classlist are very responsive and value parents' feedback so we can influence the product roadmap.

Please 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

ITALIAN COFFEE PODS

One of our La Fontaine mums provides great coffee pods online <http://www.neropurocaffe.com/> **NERO PURO CAFFE** has all its coffee roasted and packed in Italy giving you the ultimate coffee experience in the comfort of your own home or office.



BALLET DANCE FREE TRIAL CLASSES

Introducing **Skylark**, a new school and approach to teaching the art of ballet; fusing the rigour of the renowned Russian Vaganova system with the inclusive methods of the British Ballet Organisation.

Free trial classes are offered at Bromley Churchill Theatre. Please book in advance.

Contact 077 8934 6299 - 020 8289 3160 - info@skylarkdance.com

More info @ <http://skylarkdance.com/>

FRESH FARMER'S MEAT

Field & Flower are collaborating with La Fontaine Academy to help raise money while bringing great quality, ethically reared meat straight to our doorsteps. They work with a small network of free range, low-input farmers who are as passionate about food and farming as they are. They pay them a fair price, prepare every order by hand and deliver fresh to home or office.

PTA will receive 10% of all sales, just make sure you use the special school code **LAFONTAINE** when you place your first order and they will allocate this and all future orders to your school.

More offers @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers/>



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).

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