

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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E-SAFETY AND 'PSYCHOLOGY & TECHNOLOGY'

Last Friday, we held a workshop which sparked lots of conversations on the importance to keep our children safe in terms of technology.

As well as talking about the basics of 'e-safety' (i.e. how to ensure children do not share sensitive information online, how to use filters on your web browsers, etc.), we also spoke about the fact that technology can be extremely addictive.

It is now proven that tablets and mobile phone can be damaging when used to 'keep children quiet'. In other words, when used as a behaviour tools (to keep children quiet at home, in the car, etc.) children learn to 'zone out'.

The impact on well-being is clear.

Please, watch a video posted on our website (with our workshop presentations) at www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops to hear what Simon Sinek (a sociologist interested in modern life) has to say.

We'll have further workshops on the topic, as we feel this is extremely important.

TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS!

- Lead by example: asking to child to stay off-line means that you need to be off-line too.
- Turn off your Wi-Fi system between certain times to ensure that all family members can spend more time talking/playing games.
- If watching videos online, watch them together. Technology can be used as a way to reinforce attachment.
- Read, sing, and dance together!
- Have days when the TV is not switched on.

SO, HOW WAS YOUR DAY? TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What was the best thing that happened at school today? ● Tell me something that made you laugh today. ● Where is the coolest place at the school? ● Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.) ● Tell me about something you've learnt today and which you could teach me. ● If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you? ● How did you help somebody today? ● How did somebody help you today? ● Tell me one thing that you learnt today. ● When were you the happiest today? ● Who would you like to play with at playtime that you've never played with before? ● Tell me something good that happened today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What word did your teacher say most today? ● What do you think you should do/learn more of at school? ● Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to? ● Where do you play the most at playtime? ● Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny? ● Tell me something interesting someone told you at lunchtime today. ● If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do? ● Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school. |
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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	96.7	96.2	96	97.9 🏆	93	95.2	96.4	92.9	95.6
	SINCE SEPTEMBER	96.7	96.1	95.5	97	95.4	96.1	95.8	96.8	96.2
PUNCTUALITY	LAST WEEK	99.4	99.7	99.4	97.5	98.3	98.7	99.6	95.8	98.6



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.



PE KITS IN SCHOOL

All PE kits should stay in school, from now on. They will be sent home for washing 2-3 times per half-term.

Different kits should be used for clubs.

This, we hope, will help us ensure that ALL children take part in ALL PE lessons, as expected.



DADS' CHOIR STARTING ON WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY

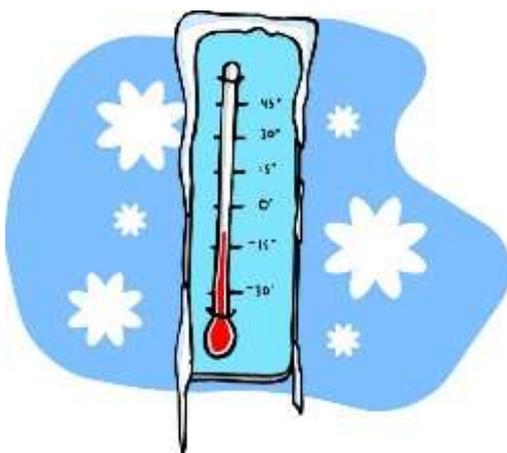
As many dads will know, we are organising a dads' choir! Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th January, at 19:00.

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 need lots more!



COLD AND WET WEATHER

Can all parents and carers please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold/wet weather? Please, remember to get your child to wear gloves, a scarf, and a woolly hat if necessary.

It is important that you label your child's clothes with their name. This is because they might misplace their clothes at times, and we need to be able to identify them easily. We checked a sample of uniforms last week and identified **over 40% of jumpers/cardigans** without names...

All unnamed items which end up in our Lost Property Box will be given to charity on a regular basis.



BUILDING LA FONTAINE VILLAGE

La Fontaine PTA school events aim to encourage community bonding and strengthening and we want all parents to be a part of building the La Fontaine Village.

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 to solve the issue including giving an appropriate discount when appropriate.

Events are now listed in Classlist at <https://parent.classlist.com/#/events/list>.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CHEESE AND WINE

Friday 10th March

This event will be held at the school from 7pm onwards. Ticket price will be £7 to include one drink on arrival and a cheese buffet, followed by a cash bar. If you would like to participate in this event or discuss about it, please contact event coordinator Ozlem at ozlemjones1@gmail.com.

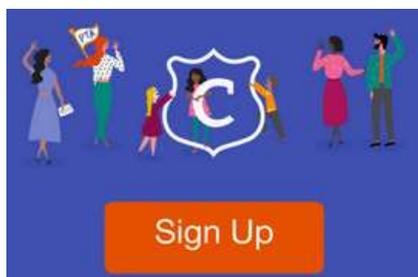


EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday 31st March

The PTA will organise an Easter egg hunt and tea in the last day of Sprint Term. It is a free event with families and siblings are welcome too.

Coordinator is still to be appointed so if you want to volunteer or participate in any other way please contact the PTA at contact@lafontainepta.org.uk.



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>.

For further information please contact PTA contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk or visit our website @ <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist/>.

PTA will provide another Classlist 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.



GIFT AID

Thank you to all parents and carers who have made financial donations – single donations or regular amounts - to the La Fontaine Academy PTA. If you are submitting your tax return, then you should declare the donated amount.

The PTA will shortly circulate a Gift Aid form to all donators as the PTA can then claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It won't cost you any extra and it will increase the value of the donation to the PTA by 25%. Forms to follow in the next few weeks.

HELPING PARENTS AND CARERS BUSINESSES

We encourage LA Fontaine Academy's parents and carers to send us information about their businesses so that, in a further way to support and grow the La Fontaine community, we will help promote parents' and carers' businesses by publishing them in the newsletter and on the PTA's website.

If you are interested, please contact PTA member Lucy Mooney lucy.mooney@hotmail.co.uk.



ITALIAN COFFEE PODS

One of the La Fontaine' mums provides great coffee pods - Nespresso and Lavazza A Modo Mio compatible coffee capsules - at <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. There is **15 % of discount** for every purchase for La Fontaine school's parents.



MICRO SCOOTERS

Every time an order is placed at <http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk> using this unique code **140999**, La Fontaine Academy PTA will receive 10% of that order back. Just paste it in on the checkout page (right under gift vouchers), and it will recognise it as a La Fontaine purchase.

As the money earned builds we can choose to swap the money for scooters or to keep the money to use on something else. There is no limit to how much we can earn or how many scooters we would like to redeem.

OTHER CASH BACK OFFERS

Please visit the following web page for more cash back schemes at <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers/>.

- **STIKINS®** multipurpose labels www.labelplanet.co.uk or www.name-labels.com
Please quote **33431** when ordering. PTA will receive 30% on all orders.
- **Yellow Moon** Craft Shop www.yellowmoon.org.uk
Please quote **LAF50523** at the checkout and PTA will get 10% cash back.
- **Field&Flower** Farmers' Meat www.fieldandflower.co.uk
Please quote **LAFONTAINE** when placing your first order. 10% will be donated to the PTA.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PTA is now running a second-hand uniform shop. Donations are welcome. Please contact Lauren 07914423650 if you want to purchase outfits. All proceeds will go to the PTA.



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.