

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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SAINSBURY'S KIDS VOUCHERS

If you shop at Sainsbury's, please help us collect as many Kids Vouchers as possible. The more vouchers we collect, the more free sports equipment we'll be able to get from them.



SWIMMING FROM AGE 4 – STARTING STRAIGHT AFTER HALF TERM

We are all looking forward to starting our swimming lessons in a couple of weeks. A huge thank you to those parents/carers who have signed up to help.

Final reminders:

- Children do not need goggles. They need to learn to swim without them.
- Children with long hair need to wear swimming caps. For those with short hair, it's not compulsory. However, if you wish them to wear one, that's fine. **As white swimming caps seem difficult to find, any colour will do.**

Additional information:

- On their swimming day, children will need to come to school in their PE kits. This will enable us to get changed more quickly at the swimming pool. PE kits will need to be brought back to school the next day.
- Children will need to bring a towel to school. Please, label the towel with their name and try to ensure they bring the same one every week so that they get used to what it looks like.
- Boys need to wear **swimming trunks** and girls need to wear **1-piece swimming costumes**. **Bikinis** and **shorts** are not allowed.
- Children with long hair will need to have them tied up.
- Make sure your child wears a warm coat, gloves, and a scarf in the first few weeks, as they might get cold while traveling back to school.
- **On their swimming day, children will need to bring packed lunches from home.**
- Please, provide your child with a healthy snack (e.g. cereal bar, piece of fruit, etc.) for them to enjoy after their swimming lesson.
- The pool will be closed to the public while our children have their lessons.
- Children will be supervised by our staff and by professional swimming instructors who are used to teaching young children.



Thanks to the parents/carers who have paid for the swimming lessons already on ParentPay. There are still, however, some families who haven't paid. As explained before, if the £18 is a barrier, please let me know. This will be dealt with in confidence.



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.



BROMLEY MUMS' AWARDS 2017

Nominations close this Wednesday 23rd February. Simply email the name of your nominated mum together with the reason for your nomination in 200 words or less, using the category of the award as the subject of your email to bromleymumsawards@gmail.com.

Categories include Inspiring Mum, Community Mum, Overcoming Mum, and Entrepreneurial Mum - for the complete list see www.lafontaineacademy.org/bromley-mums.

The Bromley Mums Awards is supported by Allsorts Playgroup as well as Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid as they work to end domestic violence and make a real difference to women and families who are breaking free.



E-SAFETY – IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

This week, all classes will be discussing how to safely use the Internet.

Discussions happen throughout the year, whenever relevant issues come up, but this week, teachers will go through e-safety with even more consideration, to mark a national effort to keep children safe.

Please, take 10 minutes this week to watch a video with your child(ren): www.lafontaineacademy.org/safer-internet.

For children from Year 2, the notion of 'fake news' is becoming quite relevant. In class, teachers will cover some of the following:

- * The news - and how it can be manipulated
- * Reviews - how websites such as TripAdvisor, Amazon, etc. are easily manipulated
- * Wikipedia - great open source of knowledge, entirely reliant on voluntary contributors. Again, it can be used for good or bad!
- * Google - certain algorithms can lead to misleading articles being ranked top (e.g. recent holocaust denial websites, etc.)



COFFEE MORNING WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Please, come and join us at our Coffee Morning Workshop on Friday. We'll discuss how we are moving 'away' from homework to go towards projects...



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2017-2018

They are available on our website at www.lafontaineacademy.org/2017-2018.

We hope that you enjoyed the break and come back refreshed for the 2nd half of Spring Term. Your support and help allowed us to get a strong community. Let's carry on building La Fontaine Village and make the coming events memorable and fun for little and big ones.

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.

PTA COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Please join us for this special coffee morning after drop off. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how Classlist and getting your feedback, observations and suggestions about Classlist to make sure it gives us its best.

We will also discuss about the organisation and planning of our next events – as well as the Mural Mosaic project.



CHEESE & WINE / DADS' CHOIR – FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

This event will be held at the school from 7pm onwards. We will be enjoying the Grande Première for **La Fontaine Dads' Choir** and celebrating the international Women's day.

This event is for both women and men.

Ticket price is £7 to include one drink on arrival and a cheese buffet, followed by a cash bar. Please purchase it online directly at [Cheese & Wine / Choir Event at Classlist](#). We need to know how many are coming for organisation purposes so please, if you intend to come, buy your tickets now. If you would like to participate in this event or discuss about it, please contact event coordinator Ozlem at ozlemjones1@gmail.com.



AUGMENTED REALITY 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. We have an amazing opportunity to get an **Augmented Reality Trail** using the www.gamar.com technologies. But we need helpers to set it up. If you would like further information or to be involved / participate in any other way please contact the PTA at contact@lafontainepta.org.uk

Please RSVP at [Easter Egg Hunt Event at Classlist](#)



PLASTIC LIDS MURAL MOSAIC

We need more plastic lids! Especially yellowish ones.

With the collected plastic lids our children will conceive and create a Mural Mosaic on the back of the external garden stage. This Mosaic will be made on 5 portable wood panels so we can take it in the new school.

This is a long and expensive project that could be achieved only with parents' and carers' contribution, help and support. If you want to be involved, please contact Amell Amatino ml.amatino@gmail.com. Further information will be posted on Classlist shortly.

FUNDING UPDATE



The PTA remains grateful for the wide-ranging support we receive from parents and carers to enrich the experience of our children at La Fontaine Academy. The time, energy and creativity shared is invaluable, and the funds you have helped to raise are supporting the school in many ways.

If you have any thoughts and ideas for initiatives to fund, we will consider suggestions alongside the wish list put forward by teachers.

Here are some recently PTA funded items:

- £1632 for sport equipment
- £835 contribution towards the 2 workshops Steel Pans and Problem Solving
- £1000 for guide books which all classes can use in reading lessons
- £1200 for various educational material (£150 per class)



CLASSLIST

Our official communication channel

Classlist's introduction has been effective as we have more than 180 parents registered and many birthday parties. Please make sure you are signed up. The link in case you haven't received the invite is <https://login.classlist.com>.

There is now an app available for all iPhone and iPad users.



TUESDAYS GET FIT SESSIONS

Calling all LFA parents and carers who are looking to "get fit" in 2017. Fay - a qualified fitness trainer - is running a free circuits fitness session in the park close to school after drop off on Tuesday mornings. It is suitable for all levels of fitness and aims to have you building strength and cardio fitness whilst having lots of fun. If you would like more information, please contact Fay at - faytilson@gmail.com.

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 CAFFÈ 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.

CASH BACK OFFERS

Please visit the following web page for more cash back schemes at 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**. PTA will get back 10%.
- **Field&Flower** Farmers' Meat www.fieldandflower.co.uk. Please, quote **LAFONTAINE**. PTA will get back 10%.
- **Micro Scooters** from www.micro-scooters.co.uk. Please, quote **140999**. PTA will get back 10%.

