

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 3.28 – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017



Sports and Fitness

## SPORTS AND FITNESS WORKSHOP

Thanks to all the parents/carers who attended our Sports and Fitness Coffee Morning.

Details of the presentation used (and a video shot during the workshop) are available at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops).

Sainsbury's



## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We're collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you do your shopping at Sainsbury's, don't forget to collect vouchers for us! It'll enable us to get some extra Sports and Fitness equipment for the children. Place vouchers in your child's bag for us to collect.



## CHARITY FORTNIGHT – LIVE BELOW THE LINE

Like we did last year and the year before, we will organise a Lunch Challenge – on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – and children and staff will be encouraged to eat plain rice on that day. This will be a way for all to realise what living on less than £1 a day feels like. Last year, over 90% of children took part and it'd be great to get even more people to join in. It won't be an easy challenge. Many of our children still talk about it from time to time and comment on how it helped them understand the fate of millions of other children across the world.



## READING SCHOOL BOOKS

We would like to remind all that it is extremely important for children to read their school books at home.

The level of the text needs to be age-appropriate as it will enable the children to master all of the reading skills needed as they progress through the school. Reading, as we discussed in a workshop a few months ago (see [here](#)) is not just the ability to read fluently. Children need to be supported with comprehension skills:

- Can the children predict?
- Can the children discuss character?
- Can the children discuss setting?
- Can the children compare stories, character and setting?
- Can the children compare stories to their own experiences?
- Can the children discuss what they do and do not like about the story and why?

We do not discourage children from reading their own books – far from it! – however, we do need them to read their school books too. The books we send home support children with key strategies which support them in class. Not reading school books put them at a disadvantage in terms of their reading and writing lessons at school. Thanks for your support.



## PLEASE, REMEMBER THE BLUE LINE

Can all parents/carers please remember to stay behind the blue line as you drop off/pick up your child(ren). Thank you.

## 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%                   | 95.8%                    | 97.1%                       | 96.6%                     | 90.3%                   | 95.7%                | 91.7%                          | 95.3%                 | 95.1% |
|                      | SINCE SEPTEMBER | 96.3%                   | 96.1%                    | 95.8%                       | 96.8%                     | 96.5%                   | 96.1%                | 95.7%                          | 96.9%                 | 96.3% |
| PUNCTUALITY          | LAST WEEK       | 98.7%                   | 98.7%                    | 99.6%                       | 98.8%                     | 98.9%                   | 100% 🏆               | 98.7%                          | 100% 🏆                | 99.2% |



### 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. **ANYONE WITH AN ATTENDANCE BELOW 95% THAT IS STILL GOING DOWN (FOR UNAUTHORISED REASONS) COULD BE ASKED FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS 'EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT' (i.e. a parent/carer's failure to provide for a child's basic needs with regards to school and education).**



### FRENCH COFFEE MORNING

Remember that there will be a special **French Coffee Morning** on Friday between 08:30-09:30. Come and join us to learn a song and play some games!



### DON'T BRING TOYS TO SCHOOL

Gentle reminder that children should not bring toys to school (of any kind), unless requested by teachers as part of the children's learning. Thank you.



### READING THE TIME

Children, at school, learn to read the time from Year 1 (this is an expectation of the National Curriculum for all state schools in England).

We believe that learning to read the time is something parents/carers can strongly help children with and we'd be extremely grateful if you could support your child(ren) with this.

Please, get your child a watch (an analogue watch) and spend some time teaching them how to use it.

Thank you.



### PARTY INVITATIONS

Seeing children develop great friendships is great, and we're pleased to see that many playdates, etc., are being organised by families. This is a brilliant way to develop children's social skills.

Can families, however, be mindful when organising such events? Children not receiving invitations can often be left quite upset and this is something we are keen to avoid. Arrangements should therefore be made between families and cards/invitations should not be given out in the playground. Thank you for your collaboration.

Remember that you can you Class List to organise parties, playdates, outings, etc.



*La Fontaine*  
**Salsa Night**

Friday 9th June  
7:00PM - 9:30PM

\*Learn Salsa  
\*For Complete Beginners  
\*Kids Film Club On Site!  
\*NO PARTNER REQUIRED

\*Film club £3 for one child £5 per family  
\* One hour lesson begins at 7.30

**TICKETS: £7.50**

#### LA FONTAINE SALSA NIGHT!

**Date:** Friday 9th June  
**Time:** 7pm - 9:30pm  
**Price:** £7.50 per adult

#### KIDS FILM CLUB

£3 individual child, £5 family rate (4+ years old). The children will watch 'Moanna' on DVD. Film Club is from 7pm - 9pm only.

Learn how to Salsa in a one hour lesson provided by our very own salsa teachers, Shanti and Ren, in our parent community! Invite your friends and family. Age recommendation - over age 12, and under 100!

This salsa class is for Absolute Beginners

- No dance experience or coordination required
- No partner required
- Drop the kids off at the Film Club!
- Drinks Bar and food available to purchase after the lesson

**NOTE:** Tickets are strictly limited to 56 due to the size of our hall. Book asap, or you could face disappointment.

BOOK Now on Classlist, or purchase tickets at Pick up or Drop off, inside front entrance to school. Looking forward to a great night! Come join us!



#### WATER AND LIFE MURAL MOSAIC – VOLUNTEERS APPEAL

Wednesdays and Thursdays from around 2pm till the end of school day

Finally, the 5 panels are ready and we can get to the next stage: our Children gluing the plastic lids.

Volunteers are required for the Wednesdays and Thursdays mural workshops helping our children also join creating mosaic together.

We will also require at a later stage (many!) volunteers to nail and screw bottle lids onto the panels. We will inform you as soon as we know the date. Get ready in meanwhile with nail-guns and electric drills.

Without volunteers this project will not complete before we move to the new site, so your participation is very important.

Please carry on collecting plastic lids. We still need more of them.

## SMATPHONE APPLICATIONS

Dad Gerry Allotey builds apps for individuals, businesses, charities, schools etc. for the AppStore and Google Play. He creates bespoke apps to help generate better awareness, customers, targeting and presence. Check out details at [www.bloomingapps.co.uk](http://www.bloomingapps.co.uk) or call 07941 665975 for further information.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday 21st May – midday start  | Morning Ramble – Free event |
| Friday 26th May – after pick-up | Year 2 'Festival'.          |
| Friday 9th June 7pm - 9:30pm    | La Fontaine Salsa Night     |
| Friday 23rd/Saturday 24th June  | Camping at Cudham           |
| Tuesday 27th June (TBC)         | Sports Day                  |
| Sunday 2nd July                 | La Fontaine Riviera Fete    |
| Friday 14th July                | Bastille Day Village Party  |



## FAY TILSON FITNESS

### TUESDAY GET FIT SESSIONS

Calling all LFA parents and carers who are looking to "get fit" and have some fun. 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 [fay@fayfit.com](mailto:fay@fayfit.com). Fay specialises in women's fitness,

especially pre/post-natal, pelvic floor and core strengthening. More services are provided – please check website <https://www.fayfit.com>.

### 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 parents.



### 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](mailto:lucy.mooney@hotmail.co.uk).



### CASH BACK OFFERS

Please, visit the following web page for more cash back schemes at [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers).

- **STIKINS**® multipurpose labels [www.labelplanet.co.uk](http://www.labelplanet.co.uk) or [www.name-labels.com](http://www.name-labels.com). Please, quote **33431** when ordering. PTA will receive 30% on all orders.
- **Yellow Moon** Craft Shop [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk). Please, quote **LAF50523**. PTA will get back 10%.
- **Field&Flower** Farmers' Meat [www.fieldandflower.co.uk](http://www.fieldandflower.co.uk). Please, quote **LAFONTAINE**. PTA will get back 10%.
- **Micro Scooters** from [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk). Please, quote **140999**. PTA will get back 10%.