

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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## OUR VISION FOR 2017-2018

A warm welcome (back) to all our families.

We are starting our fourth year as a school. Our community – again – has grown considerably over the space of a few weeks.

We are now (as of September 11<sup>th</sup>) 274 children strong – that's about 230 families!

As we grow, so does our ambition to create a community able to (re-)shape the world beyond our school gates for the better.

As we continue to develop a curriculum focused on social justice – with oracy, internationalism, and the notion of Rights Respecting School at its heart – we are confident that our children are growing up to become confident citizens who will become leaders and optimistic change makers.

Last year, our academic successes were many and we are very pleased that, again, our academic results across all year groups have reflected our ambition to always aim higher. This is credit to our hard-working staff and to our parents/carers who support our work immensely.

After what I hope was a joyful and restful summer, I look forward to working with you all again over the coming months.

Cordialement.

Dr Sebastien Chapleau, Headteacher



## STAFF NEWS

Huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Madame Szczurek and her partner on the birth of their daughter Liviana.

We look forward to seeing Madame Szczurek and Liviana very soon!

For the time being, we wish them all the very best and send them our warmest thoughts.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are also due to Madame Zandronis who got married over the summer! We wish her and her husband all the very best as they begin their wonderful marriage. May the future bring their couple fun and happiness!

**CONGRATULATIONS** too to Madame Avery who got engaged this summer! We are really happy for her and her fiancé and send them our most joyful wishes.

A warm **WELCOME** to our new staff: Madame Walker (Year 5 teacher), Madame Hogg (Year 3 teacher), Monsieur Martinez (Reception teacher), Madame Parpia (Year 2 teacher), Madame Glover (KS2 teacher), Madame Baker (Breakfast and Family Dining Supervisor), Madame Silva (Cleaner).

We wish Madame Watmore, who got a new job over the summer, all the very best in the future.



**PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

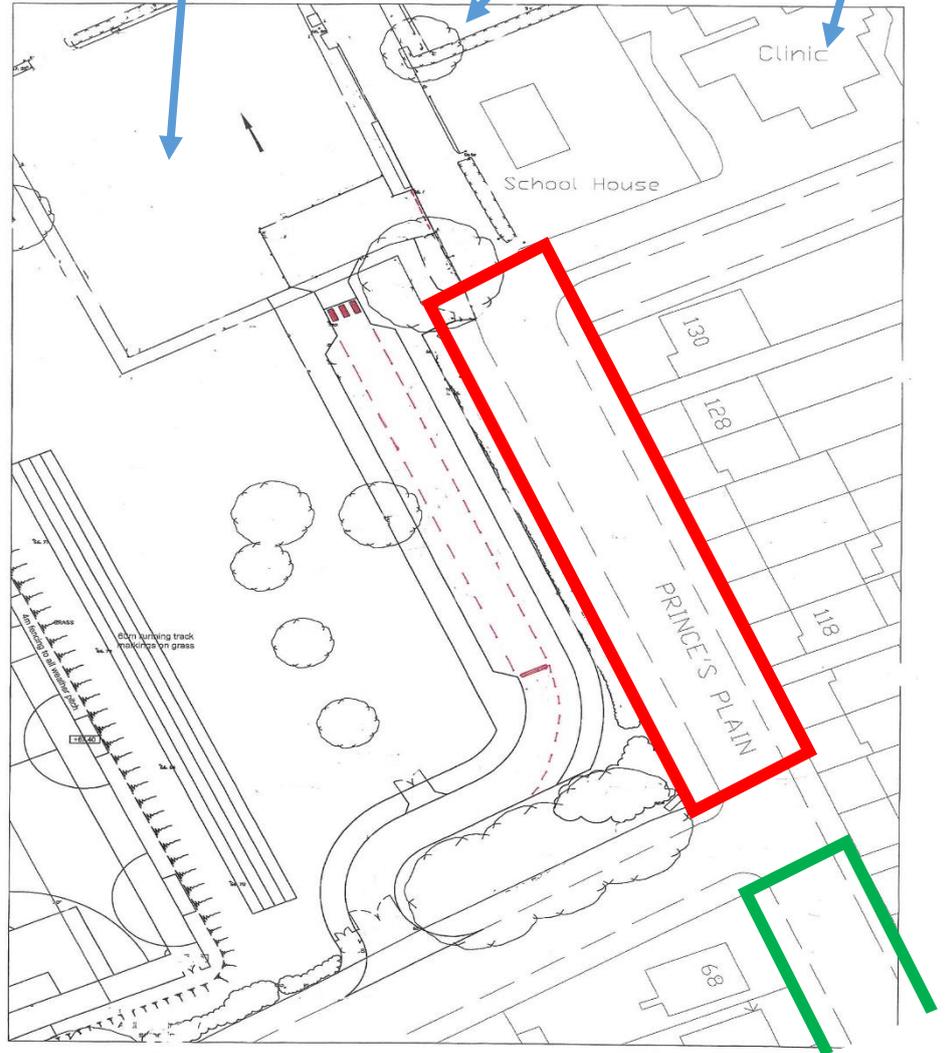
Trinity Primary School – our neighbours – will be implementing a new system on Monday, whereby parents/carers from their school will be able to use a ‘kiss and drop’ driveway system.

This means that Trinity Primary School parents/carers will be driving up a one-way system and driving out/down from opposite Princes Plain Clinic.

We kindly ask our families to not park in the red area on the map, as collisions and traffic jams could easily happen.

Please, park in the green area on the map.

We thank you for your cooperation

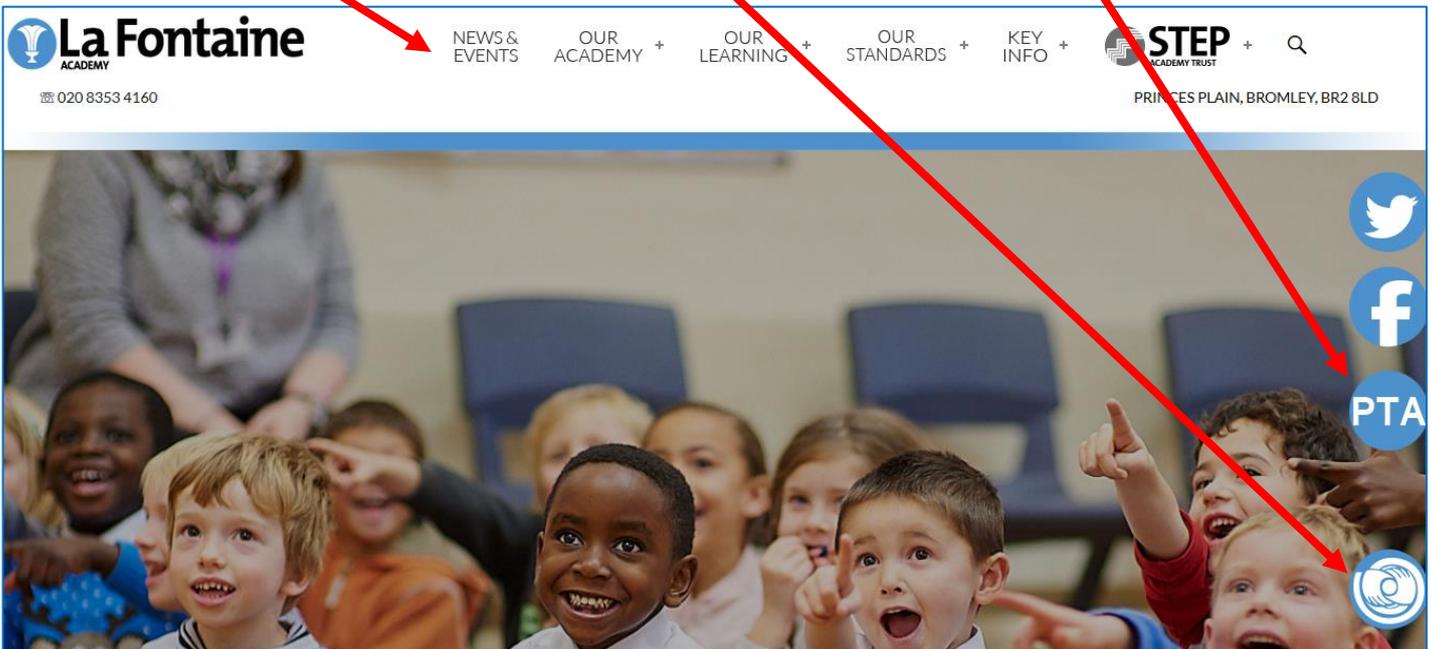


**KEY LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE**

Our newsletters

Link to ParentPay

Link to PTA website





### **WHOLE-SCHOOL EVENTS**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Rights Respecting Schools / Oracy fortnight  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 16:00-17:00: Parents' Meeting with Teachers and Governors  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Jeans for Genes day  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: MacMillan Coffee Morning  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: World Mathematics week  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Assembly (led by Year 5)  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Creativity week - Diwali focus  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Wear it Pink day



### **SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Coffee Morning  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Coffee Morning Workshop – Key Principles at La Fontaine  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Share in Learning  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: MacMillan Coffee Morning  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October: French Coffee Morning  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Share in Learning  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Coffee Morning – Pink Day + Creativity Week Exhibition



### **TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018**

Term dates and key dates for the 2017-2018 academic year are available at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/term-dates](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/term-dates) and [www.lafontaineacademy.org/events](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/events).

### **MEMORIES FROM LAST YEAR**

You can access a few photos and videos from last year (and previous years) at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/building-memories](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/building-memories).



### **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!

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

Initials aren't enough. We need full names. Marker pens only work for a few days/weeks. Labels last much longer.



### **UNIFORMS**

Children need to be in their **full Autumn uniform** every day. We had a few ties missing last week (from Year 1 to Year 5). Remember that long **hair needs to be tied back**. Also, remember that earrings can only be **single, plain studs**. In addition, don't forget to bring water bottles in every day. Bottles cannot be placed inside bags as books will get damaged (for your information, reading books cost about £3 each, and we cannot afford having them damaged because of bottles placed in bags).

Children need to bring their **PE kits** to schools. We had many missing last week. For those children who had their PE kits in, many weren't labelled. To help us ensure that T-Shirts, socks, shorts, plimsolls, etc. don't go missing, **please label everything**. Writing in pen will rub off and won't be visible after a week or so, so a label that you can stick/saw is always better. We will be checking PE bags this week. Also, remember that children without a full PE kit cannot take part in PE lessons (Health and Safety regulations). Our full policy is available here: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/uniform).





## PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

[www.ptalafontaine.org.uk](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk)



### CLASSLIST IS THE OFFICIAL PTA CHANNEL

Classlist is our sole communication channel, alongside the newsletter.

If you have not yet signed up, please do so now to avoid missing important information. There is an app available for mobiles, and you can sign up at [www.parent.classlist.com/#/register/find-school](http://www.parent.classlist.com/#/register/find-school) with more info available at [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist).

If you have any problems with the registration process, please contact your Class Representative or Amell Amatino [ml.amatino@gmail.com](mailto:ml.amatino@gmail.com).

Classlist is also a great way to organise sharing school runs, with a map feature to show you which parents live nearby. For more info, visit [www.parent.classlist.com/#/run-map](http://www.parent.classlist.com/#/run-map)



## FUNDRAISING

### IMPROVING FUNDRAISING

One of the major roles of the PTA is to raise money for activities, equipment, and experiences which are not covered by the basic budget of the school. We do this in a variety of ways, including cash donations, raffles, sales, and events throughout the year. We have a dedicated team of parents working on fundraising, and you are encouraged to contact the PTA if you have any ideas for ways we could raise money for the school. We will shortly be announcing the details of the new monthly giving arrangements for PTA fundraising, as well as announcing the details of upcoming events.

To learn more about PTA fundraising, please visit: [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate), contact the PTA via Classlist (log in, then click 'MY SCHOOL' at [www.parent.classlist.com/#/school/details](http://www.parent.classlist.com/#/school/details)), or drop a note into the letterbox next to the school office.

Another way the PTA raises funds for the school is through cashback schemes. There are details of these available at [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers), and we are always open to adding more so please share any information or ideas you have with the PTA.





### FIRST PTA MEETING OF THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

The first PTA meeting of the academic year is this Friday, 15 September, at the school after drop-off. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Main items of the agenda are: forthcoming events and class representatives recruitment.

The minutes are available on the website after each event so you can keep up with what is being discussed even if you can't make it to the meeting.



### WELCOME TO LA FONTAINE WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Please come to the La Fontaine Academy annual Welcome Wine and Cheese Night on Friday 29 September, 7-10 pm. Ticket price is £7.50 to include one drink and a cheese buffet. There will be a cash bar to purchase alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets will be available to purchase from Classlist from next week.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact the event coordinator, Year 1 mum Ozlem Jones via email: [Ozlemjones1@gmail.com](mailto:Ozlemjones1@gmail.com).

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### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan on Friday 29 September after drop-off, so please come along (and feel free to bring cake!) to enjoy a coffee with other parents and raise money for a great cause.

Macmillan provides invaluable support to cancer sufferers and their families, something that touches all our lives. It will be a chance for a catch up as well as supporting a very worthy cause, not to mention the delicious cakes!



### POPCORN FRIDAYS

Popcorn will be on sale after school in the playground on Fridays, as an after school snack. The cost is £1 per cone, with all proceeds going to the PTA.

### HELPING PARENTS AND CARERS BUSINESSES

We encourage La Fontaine Academy's parents and carers to send us information about their businesses, to support and grow the La Fontaine community. More info is available at [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers).



# BUY STIKINS<sup>®</sup> NAME LABELS

STIKINS<sup>®</sup> are multipurpose name labels that simply stick onto all school items, including shoes and bags, lunch boxes and water bottles, school equipment, and phones and tablets. You can get them from [www.labelplanet.co.uk](http://www.labelplanet.co.uk) or [www.name-labels.com](http://www.name-labels.com). Please quote La Fontaine fundraising number 33431 when ordering and the PTA will get a commission.

