

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

**1,800,000 words**

**282,000 words**

**8,000 words**


## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those children who successfully completed their Summer Reading Challenge.

Developing reading habits when young is key and we are pleased that so many of our children have taken part.

As a school, we expect children to read school reading books for 20-30 minutes every evening.

In addition, two other types of reading should take place:

1. Reading of non-school books (to encourage children to explore a variety of genres)
2. Shared reading with adults. This is one of the best ways to reinforce bonds between children and their parents/carers.



## ALL WEARING JEANS ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, we'll all come to school wearing jeans in support of Genetic Disorders UK, the UK charity which aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders.



On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, we'll all come to school wearing our own clothes (i.e. no uniforms) in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. A special Coffee Morning will take place and we kindly ask people to bring cakes to celebrate the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

We kindly ask family to support **Genetic Disorders UK and Macmillan Cancer Support** by donating £2 (£1 per event), payable via ParentPay.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All children from Year 1 to Year 5 are invited to put themselves forward to become School Councillors.

They need to prepare speeches, banners, posters, badges, etc. to encourage their classmates to vote for them.

Elections will take place this week and results will be announced on Friday.

## AIMING FOR 97.5% FOR ATTENDANCE AND 100% FOR PUNCTUALITY

We have noticed that a few families have asked for time off to go on holiday early. As you know, this is something we cannot authorise. You need to be aware that we have a duty to report unauthorised absences to Bromley Council and that fines can be issued to families who don't adhere to our school policy in terms of attendance (see here for our policy: [www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies)).

We thank you for your cooperation.

	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)	JACQUES DERRIDA (YEAR 3)	LUCIE AUBRAC (YEAR 4)	SIMONE VEIL (YEAR 5)	TOTAL
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (%)	98.1 🏆	99.3 🏆	100 🏆	98 🏆	98.7 🏆	96.7	100 🏆	99 🏆	99.3 🏆	96.7	98.5 🏆
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	98.4 🏆	99.6 🏆	98.3 🏆	98.5 🏆	99.2 🏆	95.2	96.5	98.8 🏆	96.4	96.1	97.7 🏆
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	99.4	100 🏆	99.4	98.7	100 🏆	99.4	96.2	99.6	99	100 🏆	99.3



### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

We are committed to ensuring that all our pupils make the most of their educational opportunities at La Fontaine and recognise that this can only be achieved through regular school attendance.



### SCHOOL BAGS – UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

From 1<sup>st</sup> October, we expect all school bags (book bags and PE bags) to be La Fontaine bags.

PE kits need to be brought to school in a La Fontaine PE bag. For PE kits, we have two options (see pictures to the left).

Bags (book bags and PE bags) which aren't La Fontaine bags will be confiscated after 1<sup>st</sup> October, thus giving families enough time to purchase correct ones if necessary.

PE kits need to be in school every day.

For after-school clubs, children need to use a different kit (i.e. not their La Fontaine PE kit)



### SNACKS FOR PLAYTIME

Snacks are provided for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children (sponsored by a national scheme).

Children in Years 3/4/5 are reminded to bring a snack to school which they can have at playtime.

Remember, it needs to be a healthy snack (no chocolate bars, etc.) and mustn't contain nuts.





## AU REVOIR MADAME ZANDRONIS

After getting married this summer, Madame Zandronis is keen to focus on married life and, therefore, has decided to find a job with more sociable hours.

Madame Zandronis has been a key part of the La Fontaine family and has been a passionate Family Dining and STEP Zone leader.

She will be greatly missed!



## LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

Following governmental advice, we are developing a Lockdown Policy which we will introduce to all children in the next few weeks.

A lockdown may be activated in response to situations including:

- An incident or civil disturbance in the local community which poses a risk to the school
- An intruder on the site with the potential to pose a risk to the school
- Local risk of air pollution, such as a smoke plume or gas cloud
- A major fire in the vicinity of the school
- A dangerous dog roaming loose

As you would expect, such a policy will be introduced in a child-friendly way. A scenario such as 'A dog has just walked into our building' will be used, as common in many schools implementing such policies.

Families will be informed when a Policy has been drafted.

To read more about lockdowns in schools, see [here](#).



## LA FONTAINE – PARENTS/CARERS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Interested in playing football with other parents/carers? If so, join us on Saturdays, in Normand Park, at 16:00.

For further information, speak to Eric or Vincent in the playground.



## IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

In the morning, children **should not be left on their own** in the playground. They are parents'/carers' responsibility until they line up at 08:25.

**Pioneer Trail:** children are not allowed to play on it at the beginning and at the end of the school day. Even if you are keeping an eye on them, children cannot play on it without being supervised by school staff. Please, ensure that your child keeps away from the Pioneer Trail before, and after, school.

**Scooters and bikes:** they should never be used in the playground.



## KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Check our regular updates on Facebook and Twitter and share with your friends and family. See [www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy](http://www.facebook.com/lafontaineacademy) and [www.twitter.com/FontaineAcademy](http://www.twitter.com/FontaineAcademy).





## PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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

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### 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 <https://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 <https://parent.classlist.com/#/run-map>.



### WINE & CHEESE NIGHT – TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

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 available via Classlist now!**

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).



### 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.



### HALLOWEEN DISCO PREPARATIONS – CAN YOU HELP?

The annual La Fontaine Halloween Party is coming up on 21 October, from 12-3pm at Bishop Justus.

The event will be bigger than ever with our new reception families joining the fun, and we will need lots of help to get it organised and run it smoothly. If you'd like to get involved, please contact your class rep or any member of the PTA, or email [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk).

### SAVE THE DATE: PARENTS & CARERS SOCIAL EVENING BARN DANCE

This year's social evening for parents and carers will be a barn dance, on Friday 24 November, venue to be confirmed. Please save the date!



### FAMILY AND FRIENDS' PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

We would like to connect and enhance our school community by making the best use of all our resources, including the many and varied skills of our parents and carers. If you're on LinkedIn, please join the "La Fontaine Academy professional connections" group, so that we can network with one another, and search for skills that might be needed for school and PTA projects.

We currently need a qualified electrician to carry out PAT testing on equipment for some of our events. If you, a friend, or a family member would be willing to help, please email [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk) or drop a note in the PTA letterbox by the school office.



### HEALTHY SNACK IDEAS WANTED!

The PTA would like to build a collection of tried and tested healthy snack ideas for kids, to be made for the refreshment tables at our events. We have traditionally sold cakes and other sweet items, and while these are fine as an occasional treat, we'd like to have delicious, healthier options to offer. If you have a great recipe to share, please email it to [contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk](mailto:contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk) or drop a note in the PTA letterbox by the school office.

### 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® NAME LABELS

STIKINS® 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.

