

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 29ND SEPTEMBER

On **Friday 29th 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 by giving donations via ParentPay.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our elected School Councillors!

After a week of speeches, presentations, slogans and posters, a team of children from Year 1 to Year 5 has been elected to drive forward a series of campaigns to make our school an even better place!



SCHOOL BAGS – UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

From 1st 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 **1st 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)



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.

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).

We thank you for your cooperation.



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.



POST-BOX

You will now notice that a Post-box has been installed in the playground. This is to make things easier for parents/carers to give forms back to the Office, etc.

Rather than queuing in our reception area, please use the post-box instead.

The post-box will be checked daily at 09:00 and 16:00.



SPELLINGS FOR ALL CHILDREN

As part of the children's learning, there are key words which are really important for them to know how to spell. These words are called 'High Frequency Words' and they're named in this way as they are words which we use very frequently. Many of these words cannot be spelt phonetically, so please help your child learn to spell them. You can find lists at www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.

GAMES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would love to get more games for children to play outside during playtime (quiet games such as Connect Four, Snakes and Ladders, Guess Who, etc.) but also in class when it rains.

Please, help us build a collection of great games!

Bring any spare games to school (placing them in a bag address to Madame Cockell). Thank you!



CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

If any of you have any concerns regarding the well-being of anyone at school, please ensure you speak to Dr Chapleau, Madame Crittende, Madame Holland, or Madame Edwards, our Designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Officers.

Our Safeguarding Policy, along with all other key Academy Policies, is available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies.



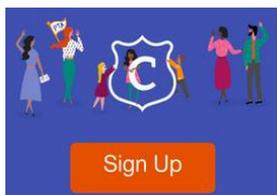
TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018

Term dates and key dates for the 2017-2018 academic year are available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/term-dates and www.lafontaineacademy.org/events.



PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



CLASSLIST IS THE OFFICIAL PTA CHANNEL – PLEASE JOIN!

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.

If you have any problems with the registration process, please contact your Class Representative or Amell Amatino 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 – this Friday, get your tickets 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.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – this Friday!

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!



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Please can we ask all parents and carers to donate any unwanted school uniform as the PTA will be running a second-hand stall at the Cheese and Wine evening this Friday evening.

Please, make sure all items are clean. Donations can be left at the office at pick up or drop off and the PTA will then collect them from the office.

This is such a helpful way to recycle uniform items that are in good condition and it really helps families with the costs of buying and replacing school uniform. All proceeds go to the PTA and we raised £230 in this way for February - July 2017.



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.



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 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 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.



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 or www.name-labels.com. Please quote La Fontaine fundraising number 33431 when ordering and the PTA will get a commission.