

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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CELEBRATING LIVING WAGE WEEK

As an Academy Trust, we are a Living Wage Employer. The real Living Wage is the only UK wage rate that is voluntarily paid by over 3,500 UK businesses who believe their staff deserve a fair day's pay for a hard day's work. Over 150,000 employees have received a payrise as a result of the Living Wage campaign. A broad range of employers accredited with the Living Wage Foundation including a third of the FTSE 100 and big household names including ITV, GOOGLE, IKEA, Everton FC, Chelsea FC and Oliver Bonas.



INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLINGS PHOTOGRAPHS – HEADS UP!

A school photographer will be coming to school this week, on Thursday 9th November, to take individual and siblings photographs. Organise visits to the hairdresser (if needed) a few days before. Remember that stylised haircuts are not allowed. Also, please note that 'siblings' means siblings within the school.



NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

This year, our Christmas performances will take place on the following dates. More details will soon be available (i.e. exact times and number of tickets available per production).

- ❖ Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Play for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2
- ❖ Tuesday 19th December: Carol Concert by Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5



PYJAMA DAY – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

On Friday 17th November, we'll be celebrating Children in Need, raising money towards important causes.

All children are encouraged to come to school dressed in pyjamas to mark the occasion! Please, try to make sure all children wear different outfits, to encourage creativity amongst all!

We'll invite children to bring £1-2 donations to school (which can be given to teachers or left in our school post-box).



PERMANENT SITE – UPDATES

The Soft strip of the building for the first phase of work is now completed and installation of the new mechanical and electrical services has commenced together with the new internal partitioning. The next month's activities will be continuing with services installation together with partitioning, the new suspended ceilings and forming of structural openings for the new classrooms through the building.

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.

	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 (%)	96.8	92.4	93.3	99.3 🏆	95.7	95	96.8	99 🏆	97	90.7	95.5
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	97.8 🏆	96.6	97.1	96.4	97.6 🏆	97	97.2	96.9	96.8	94.9	96.9
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	98.1	99	100 🏆	100 🏆	99.7	100 🏆	100 🏆	100 🏆	100 🏆	100 🏆	99.7

ATTENDANCE MATTERS 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.



As a school, we subscribe to Potential Plus UK (PPUK) to further develop the learning of all children.

PPUK provides families with activities and magazines which children can explore in their own time, inviting them to discover further interests beyond our school curriculum.

Here is a list of magazine and activities for families to access (all available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/curriculum):

- September 2017 resources: [SPARK for 5-6 year olds \(1\)](#) | [FUSE for 7-12 year olds \(1\)](#) | [Activity Pack \(1\)](#)
- October 2017 resources: [SPARK for 5-6 year olds \(2\)](#) | [FUSE for 7-12 year olds \(2\)](#) | [Activity Pack \(2\)](#)
- November 2017 resources: [SPARK for 5-6 year olds \(3\)](#) | [FUSE for 7-12 year olds \(3\)](#) | [Activity Pack \(3\)](#)



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.



TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, FROM 19:00 ONWARDS – DON'T TELL THE CHILDREN!

Please, come and help us decorate our school on Tuesday 5th December, from 19:00.

Traditionally, people in France put up their Christmas tree on St Nicolas' feast day (6th December).

For the past 3 years, we have organised for our Christmas tree to go up on 5th December, and it's always been a great success, putting extraordinary smiles on our children's faces as they come to school the next day.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided courtesy of the PTA! Note that we have enough Christmas decorations and that donations, this year, won't be needed.





PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



HALLOWEEN FUN

About 160 children in fancy dress came to the La Fontaine PTS Halloween party on Saturday 21st October where our amazing team of volunteers arranged a fantastic party and disco. Thank you to our parent photographer Kate See for setting up the Spooky Booth and helping to create some amazing memories of the party and a link has already been sent out via Classlist where you can download and print your favourite image from the gallery.

Thank you to everyone who came to the party and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. The PTA will shortly announce how much money was raised at the event. The winner of the adult fancy dress was Laura Tully and the winners for the children were Bonnie, Ethan, Alma and Jax-Ewan.

The winners of the best carved pumpkins were Paul and Matthew and each won a £5 book token. Once again, thank you to all our volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a special party for our children.



LA FONTAINE WINTER FAIR – SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2017

We now start to plan the Christmas/Winter Fair which will be held on Saturday 9th December (12-3pm) again in the hall at Bishop Justus school.

[Carey Lyseight](#) – mum of Marly ('Marly the girl') in Year 1 Marie-José Pérec – has very kindly volunteered to coordinate this event. We thank her sincerely and we hope that you will be able to help her and support her!

If anyone feels they can spare some time setting up, helping with any events on the day (such as the tombola or raffle) and tidying, that is most welcome! Again, please let her know through Classlist or in the playground and she will note your names down. Any time you can spare, no matter how small is a help.

STALL SPACE TO RENT

Last year, we had some parents rent a stall space where you can sell/promote your goods and businesses. Again, if anyone has interest in taking up a stall, please let her know through Classlist or in the playground as soon as possible so we can allocate a space for you. More details will follow about this.

These events can't happen without parents' involvement.



Please use EasyFundraising while online shopping. This cost you nothing whereas money is raised for La Fontaine Academy!

There are **over 2,700+ online retailers** taking part in EasyFundraising: [click here to start now](#).

There are other ways you can raise money for La Fontaine beyond PTA fundraising events. Full details and links to join the various schemes are available on our website: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate



GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

If you are aware of any grants or fundraising opportunities to which the school could apply, please contact the Grants and Fundraising committee via Erica Nelson (single point of contact). The committee is also in charge of allocating the funds raised according to the prioritised list agreed with the school.



LA FONTAINE LINKEDIN GROUP

Please join the "**La Fontaine Academy professional connections**" group on LinkedIn. We would like to increase professional connections between parents and carers, and with the school. This will help us to make use of any talents or skills in our community for the benefit of the school, and to increase connections between working parents.

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.

We thank all the parents that bought some labels already. We got back £140 from last year.



OTHER CASH BACK OFFERS

Please visit the following web page for more cash back schemes at www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers.

- **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%.