

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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NEW SITE – 5 WEEKS TO GO



## LEARNING BEGINS AT 08:30, NOT 08:31/08:32/08:33...

Our systems are such that we expect learning to start promptly at 08:30.

The bell is rung at 08:25 and children line up immediately.

At 08:28, children are by the coat pegs, taking off their coats, putting their bags away, etc.

At 08:30, learning starts.

We have noticed that about 30-35% of our children are late on a regular basis, meaning they stroll in at 08:31/08:32, etc.

This is hugely disruptive: not only does it disrupts the learning of those who are on time, but it also means that we're having to re-explain to late children what their learning activities are about.

Please, ensure that children are lining up at 08:25 when the bell is rung. We will be informing parents/carers whose child(ren), we have noticed, are regularly strolling in at 08:31/08:32, etc.



## HARVARD Kennedy School

JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

### WHAT DOES A THRIVING COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?

I'm pleased to share with you that, over the next few months, I'll be working on a research project with the Harvard Kennedy School (working under the guidance of former US President Obama's mentor) to look at issues related to our 'new' site and neighbourhood.

As you know, I'm hugely interested in what 'belonging' to a community means and entails. My key focus will be what it takes to develop a 'thriving' community. People who belong are happier than those who don't. 'Belonging' is therefore a key aim of our work.

I'll be in touch with more details and will seek your support as we develop our La Fontaine Village!



### SCHOOL CLOSURE – ADVANCE NOTICE

Reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. These days will be used by school staff to pack up all our classroom resources and set up classrooms in our permanent site. Term dates are available at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/term-dates](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/term-dates).

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

### SPEAK OUT – STAY SAFE










I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Years 1-5 children. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school.



## 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 (%)	97.1	99 	93.8	96	95.2	100 	100 	100 	97.7 	98.9 	97.6 
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	96.6	96.3	96.4	96.8	96.8	96.5	97.2	97.1	97.1	92	96.2

## 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.

### HOME LEARNING (HOMEWORK AND HOME PROJECTS)

Year Group	Expectations
Reception	15-20 minutes reading every night Sight word practice (reading) – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Learning to tie laces and ties (tying ties so they're ready for Year 1) Project work
Year 1	20-30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Spellings checked on a weekly basis 2, 5, and 10 times tables Project work
Year 2	20-30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Spellings checked on a weekly basis 2, 5, and 10 times tables – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 3	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Spellings checked on a weekly basis 3, 4, and 8 times tables – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 4	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Spellings checked on a weekly basis All times tables up to 12 x 12 – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 5	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at <a href="http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf">www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf</a> Spellings checked on a weekly basis All times tables up to 12 x 12 – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work



**STEP SOUTH LONDON  
TERM DATES AUTUMN 2018 - SUMMER 2019**

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	Opens		Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	September	2018
	Closes	(Half-term)	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	October	2018
	Opens		Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	October	2018
	Closes		Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	December	2018
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	Opens		Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	January	2019
	Closes	(Half-term)	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	February	2019
	Opens		Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	February	2019
	Closes	(Easter)	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	April	2019
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	Opens		Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	April	2019
		Bank Holiday	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	May	2019
	Closes	(Half-term)	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	May	2019
	Opens		Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	2019
	Closes		Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	2019

**INSET DAYS:**

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	Academy INSET
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Academy INSET
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Academy INSET
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	STEP INSET
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	STEP INSET



## PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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



### SAVE THE DATE

We have some exciting events coming up! More information will be provided on Classlist and <http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/coming-events-2> nearer to the time.

### SPRING TERM EVENTS

- **Farewell to Princes Plain** - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 17:30-20:30
- **Welcome to the new site cheese and wine evening** - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 19:00-22:00
- **Easter egg hunt and tea party** – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 15:30 onwards.

### SUMMER TERM EVENTS

- **Annual country ramble** - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- **Quiz and curry night at the school** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- **Annual camping weekend at Cudham** - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- **Bastille Day Summer Fete** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July



### 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](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/offers).



### RAISE MONEY WHEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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

