

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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NEW SITE – 4 WEEKS TO GO



## School Travel Plans

### DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS IN OUR NEW SITE

We are currently working with Bromley Council, Bickley Primary School and St George's Church of England Primary school to establish a travel plan which will meet the needs of the three schools in our new neighbourhood.

We will share with you what our drop off and pick up arrangements will look like as soon as possible.



### WRAP-AROUND CARE – REMEMBER TO FOLLOW SCHOOL POLICIES

In line with school policies Breakfast Club and STEP Zone must be paid for in advance. If you use these services, please ensure that your child's Parent Pay account remains in credit. If you have a negative balance your child will not be able to access these clubs.



### PLAYGROUND LOGISTICS – RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Following some recent feedback and having reflected on what our aims are as a school, we'd like to inform our families that as soon as our gates are opened in the morning at 08:15, children can play with their friends in the playground.

We do ask parents/carers to remember that, until the bell is rung, children are their responsibility and that their health and safety therefore needs to be kept in mind. Scooters and bikes need to be parked as soon as children arrive and ball games are not allowed. Having a little run around with one's friends, though, is allowed.



### CHANGING OF BOOKS JUST BEFORE HALF-TERM

We have started packing up our equipment and resources, getting ready for our Big Move. As our school reading books will soon be packed away, please be advised that we won't be able to change them during week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Reading can still happen and we kindly ask you to use books from home and/or the library.

Thanks for your understanding.

### TIMETABLE CHANGES THIS WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PE KITS NEEDED	YEAR 2 – HT	YEAR 2 – GS	YEAR 1 – MJP YEAR 5 – SV YEAR 3 – JD YEAR 3 – JYC	YEAR 1 – SDB YEAR 3 – JD YEAR 3 – JYC	YEAR 4 – LA

## 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 (%)	98.7 	92.4	95.9	94	97.9 	98.3 	99 	97.1	99.6 	95.6	96.8
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	96.7	96.1	96.4	96.7	96.8	96.6	97.3	97.1	97.3	92.3	96.3

## 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





Dear KS1 and KS2 parents/carers,

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school today and delivered their **Speak out. Stay safe.** assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

### Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants).

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe](https://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sebastien Chypleau, Headteacher



## PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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



### PTA & MUSIC FUNDING

In autumn 2017 the PTA conducted a survey about Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) whole school music provision. We had 100 responses. Thank you to everyone who participated. The survey found:

- 90% of respondents were supportive of whole school music provision;
- 68% felt that the PTA should fund this until the school can part/whole fund this;
- 75% parents said they'd give money per month to our school, which could support such an initiative;

The cost of the full year BYMT programme for 2018/19 was estimated at circa £16,800. At full capacity, the approximate cost was estimated to be circa £25,500.

Upon reviewing financial circumstances with the school, we jointly determined that it was unlikely that BYMT funding would make it into our school budget for the foreseeable future. The PTA thus deemed the cost of this programme prohibitive at this point in time.

We have taken other steps to support music provision at La Fontaine including:

- applying for an EMI music grant, which we were awarded - this enabled our schools to purchase a set of class percussion instruments and a musical equipment storage unit. A big shout out to our grants committee and Dr Chapleau for submitting this application.
- exploring lesser known but more affordable whole school music provision schemes, to consider for the future. If anyone knows of any such initiative, please let us know!



### "IT'S A WRAP" PARTY – WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY AT THE SCHOOL

To mark the end of an era at our current school, the PTA invite you to the "It's a Wrap" party on Wednesday 7th February at the school. The evening will run from 5.30-8.30pm. Aware that it will be rather a late night, but as it is the last day of term the following day, Dr. Chapleau would like to invite all the children to attend too, as we celebrate the happy years and times we have all had at Princes Plain.

All parents are asked to bring a dish to share (preferably finger food format, labelled as to what the ingredients are and no nuts please) and the PTA will run a bar, teas and coffees.

There will be entertainment from the LFA choir and music throughout from our DJ, Sarah Flotel.

There is no charge for the event and no need to book. We really hope as many families as possible can make it along for this last get-together at Princes Plain.



### 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

- **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).

