

# ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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NEW SITE – 3 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.

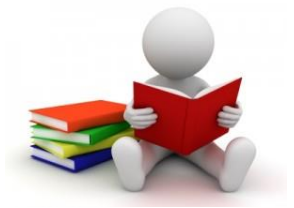
This is hugely disruptive: not only does it disrupts the learning of those who are on time, but it also means that we're having to re-explain to late children what their learning activities are about.

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.

## 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.

## 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.



## DIVERSITY DAY ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Children should come to school in clothes that represent their country/ies of origin (i.e. traditional costumes or clothes of the colour of their flag(s) and bring a small dish to share with their friends (include label with ingredients and remember that we are a nut-free school).

Children should bring £2 to school which will be donated to the Steve Bernard Foundation, a charity set up in memory of Monsieur Hewitt's friend Steve who sadly passed away a few years ago.

## TIMETABLE CHANGES THIS WEEK

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

## 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 (%)	97.7	95.9	98.3	97	96.6	92.3	98	96.2	95.4	97	96.4
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	96.8	96	96.5	96.7	96.8	96.3	97.3	97	97.2	92.6	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.



## E-SAFETY – IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

This week, all classes will be discussing how to safely navigate online.

Discussions happen throughout the year, whenever relevant issues come up, but this week, teachers will go through e-safety with even more consideration, to mark a national effort to keep children safe.

Please, take 10 minutes to go through this website: [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers).

For children from Year 2, the notion of 'fake news' is becoming relevant. In class, teachers will cover some of the following:

- \* The news - and how it can be manipulated
- \* Reviews - how websites such as TripAdvisor, Amazon, etc. are easily manipulated
- \* Wikipedia - great open source of knowledge, entirely reliant on voluntary contributors. It can be used for good or bad!
- \* Google - certain algorithms can lead to misleading articles being ranked top (e.g. recent holocaust denial websites, etc.)

The presentation used during last Friday's Workshop can be accessed at [www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops](http://www.lafontaineacademy.org/workshops).



## Parents' Evening Booking System

### HEADS UP – PARENTS' EVENING

You will soon be able to sign up online. We will let you know as soon as possible.

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Reception (Marie Curie), Year 1 (Simone de Beauvoir and Marie-José Pérec), Year 3 (Jacques Derrida and Jacques-Yves Cousteau) and Year 2 (Haroun Tazieff)
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Reception (Yannick Noah), Year 2 (George Sand), Year 4 (Lucie Aubrac), Year 5 (Simone Veil)





## STAYING SAFE ONLINE – SAMPLE FAMILY AGREEMENT

1. I will ALWAYS tell an adult immediately if something is confusing or seems scary or threatening.
2. I will NEVER give out my full name, real address, telephone number, school name or location, schedule, password, or other identifying information when I'm online. I will check with an adult for any exceptions.
3. I will NEVER have a face-to-face meeting with someone I've met online. In rare cases, my parents may decide it's OK, but if I do decide to meet a cyberpal, I will make sure we meet in a public place and that a parent or guardian is with me.
4. I will NEVER respond online to any messages. If I get a message, I'll print it out and tell an adult immediately. The adult can then contact the online service or appropriate agency. If I'm uncomfortable in a live chat room, I will use the "ignore" button.
5. I will NEVER go into a new online area that is going to cost additional money without first asking permission from my parent or teacher.
6. I will NEVER send a picture over the Internet or via regular mail to anyone without my parent's permission.
7. I will NOT give out a credit card number online without a parent present.

Young Person \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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



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

Marking the end of an era at our current school at Princes Plain, we are holding a farewell party on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the school. The evening will run from 5.30 to 8.30pm and we are requesting everyone to bring a dish to share (preferably finger food, labelled with ingredients – no nuts please).

As it is the last day of term on the following day, Dr Chapleau would like to invite all the children to attend this event.

There will be entertainment from the LFA choir and music throughout from our DJ, Sarah Flotel. There is no charge for this event and you do not need to book. We really hope as many families as possible can make it along for this last get-together at Princes Plain.



### SPRING TERM EVENTS

- **WELCOME TO NEW SITE, PARENTS' CHEESE AND WINE EVENING:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 19:00-22:00 @ La Fontaine Academy, Nightingale Lane
- **EASTER EGG HUNT AND TEA PARTY:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 15:30 onwards @ La Fontaine Academy, Nightingale Lane

### SUMMER TERM EVENTS

- **ANNUAL COUNTRY RAMBLE:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- **QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ La Fontaine Academy, Nightingale Lane
- **ANNUAL CAMPING WEEKEND AT CUDHAM:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- **SPORTS DAY:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ La Fontaine Academy, Nightingale Lane
- **BASTILLE DAY SUMMER FETE:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July @ La Fontaine Academy, Nightingale Lane



### 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.



### 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).





As a bass guitar player I would like to find 3 or 4 fellow parent musicians to help me put together the first La Fontaine's Rock band!

I am looking for a self-motivated and enthusiastic drummer, a guitarist, a singer and a keyboard player to rehearse with and play cover songs.

The main influences will be mostly French/English rock songs (because this is what I like playing!), but it's not limited and new ideas will be more than welcome.

The idea is to bring together a multicultural band that would fit in La Fontaine Academy's spirit of diversity on languages and cultures.

The main goal of this project is to practise and rehearse enough songs together to be able to play small gigs eventually at La Fontaine's events such as Summer/Winter fetes or on Bastille Day.

Please email [cedric.jacquinet@gmail.com](mailto:cedric.jacquinet@gmail.com) with your details if you are interested in joining this musical adventure! Beginners welcome!

### 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).



### GROUP EUNISURE LTD -A FAMILY ORIENTATED BUSINESS

OLA AJAYI (Priscila's dad) would like to promote his business. Calling all LFA parents and carers who are looking for affordable insurance services such as Life & Critical illness cover, Income Protection, Accident & Sickness cover, Mortgage Protection, Home Insurance, Private Pension, Will writing, Funeral Plans etc.

Eunisure Ltd is a nationwide brokerage & intermediary, and a respected name throughout the insurance community. It is regulated and authorised by the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority) registered number 485047 and your plan is protected by the FSCS (Financial Services Compensation Scheme).

If you would like more information, please contact Ola Ajayi (Branch Manager/Local adviser) on [07788237540](tel:07788237540).



### 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!



### CLASSLIST – PLEASE SIGN UP

*Our official communication channel*

Classlist is a free, safe, secure online community for the school.

We put all our news up on Classlist and homework will be uploaded by class reps - so please sign in to not miss important messages.

### Community reps

To find out who is your class rep, other community reps and useful links - click on [ My School ] menu item. <https://parent.classlist.com/#/school/details>.

### Events and birthday' invites

To find out the community and private events - click on [ Events ] menu item. <https://parent.classlist.com/#/events/list>.

### Privacy and Notifications

If you want you can share your contact details with other parents but you can also keep all your personal details hidden. It is completely up to you. Just change your settings <https://parent.classlist.com/#/profile/settings>.

Please keep Notifications > School announcements to get important messages and homework.

### How to join Classlist

1. Go to <https://parent.classlist.com/#/register/find-school> and enter our school name
2. Add the names of your children

You can also download the classlist.com app on your smartphone

More info at [www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist](http://www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/classlist)

