

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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ROYAL WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

'I FEEL IT'S MUCH SAFER TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL THAN WALK. IT'S JUST NOT SAFE ENOUGH TO WALK, SADLY!'

This week is **Royal Walk to School Week** – an initiative developed by Bromley Council.

To further develop our Travel Plan and to further ensure that our children can walk to school safely, we have been carrying out some research into hotspots in terms of road safety.

To mark Royal Walk to School Week and publicly launch our research findings, we will be holding a series of actions on Friday 27th April.

A team of parents has been leading on the research and, in collaboration with school staff, a few creative actions have been planned to highlight our work and invite officials at Bromley Council to work with us to make our walk to school safer.

We're pleased that neighbouring schools have also been involved and we look forward to working together to make Bickley an even better place than it already is!

More details will be shared soon, with letters going out in the children's bags today or tomorrow.

For now, you can see two great testimonies about the reasons why we're carrying out this work.

See [here](#) and [here](#) for more details.



MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you would like to save our world, we would appreciate that everyday those who drive their children to school, please make sure when you park and are waiting, could you kindly **turn OFF your car engine**.

Pedestrians, Parents and CHILDREN are getting asthma by taking car fumes into their bodies. You are wasting your own petrol and petrol costs money (an average of £40-60 for a full tank), so that means you are wasting your own hard earned money from work too!

This is just a short reminder from the La Fontaine Academy School Councillors: please turn of your engine whilst you're waiting to go to school in the car-park to save our world and have a **positive IMPACT!**

SAVE OUR PLANET EARTH, AND SAVE OUR PEOPLE! Make this world into a better and safer planet earth!

Yours faithfully,

The LFA School Councillors



SUN CREAM

Thankfully, the sun has started shining again!

As per school policy, and to follow health and safety guidelines, **'parents are reminded that children should have sun cream applied at home before school, as staff cannot apply it. Years 1-5 children may bring sun cream to put on themselves at playtime/lunchtime, though they may not share this with others (bottles need to be clearly labelled with the children's names).'** (Adverse Weather Conditions Policy)

For Reception children, we will guide the children on how to apply their own sun cream, but we are unable to do it for them. Your support in teaching them to apply sun cream independently is therefore greatly appreciated.

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In order to fully access their daily learning, children need to be fluent in the following areas:

- 🔑 Number bonds ($8+x=10$, $17+x=30$, $14+x=40$, etc.)
- 🔑 Times tables
- 🔑 Spellings of high frequency words

Children's learning importantly depends on **being able to retrieve such facts quickly**. Otherwise, they experience what we call '**cognitive overload**'. This means that, as they spend time trying to work out answers to common facts, **their brain cannot concentrate on new learning**.

We need you to practise number bonds, times tables, and the spelling of high frequency words so they become 'second nature'. Children need to practise with you regularly so these facts get into their **long-term memory**, thus leaving enough space in your children's short-term memory for new facts to be learnt.

We notice that those who know their number bonds, times tables, and are confident at spelling high frequency words tend to excel in mathematics and English. Those who don't tend to struggle more, unfortunately.

All you need is on our Home School Prep page (www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep).

As a starting point, **quiz your children on their year group's High Frequency Words**. The ones they know, leave aside. The ones they cannot spell, practise with them.

As far as their times tables are concerned, do the same: **quiz them and see which ones they need to work on**.

See below, as a reminder of our expectations. Such expectations are there to ensure your child meets their full potential and develop the knowledge and skills needed for them to thrive through primary and secondary education.

HOME LEARNING (HOMEWORK AND HOME PROJECTS)

Year Group	Expectations
Reception	15-20 minutes reading every night Sight word practice (reading) – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf 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 www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf 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 www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf 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 www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf 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 www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf 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 www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis All times tables up to 12 x 12 – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work

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	94.5	90.3	95.9	91	94.6	86.7	100 🏆	94.8	96.7	94.1
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	96.7	96.1	95.8	97	96.4	96.2	96.5	96.9	97.1	94	96.2

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.

Sadly, recently, we've had to liaise with Bromley Council to inform them that Fixed Penalty Notices would need to be issued for unauthorised absences. The penalty is £60 per parent/carer and per child, and this rises to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.



LIFE (SAVING) SKILL

Drew (Milo's dad) has kindly offered to run a First Aid course for parents... Would this be of interest? If so, let us know! Complete a short survey [here](#) or at <https://goo.gl/forms/l27p7fPT49FgiXy2>

FAKE NEWS – HOME DISCUSSIONS

With the rise of Fake News, the BBC have developed some educational resources which parents/carers may be interested in.

See [here](#) to access a game which will take children through a few headlines and a few questions...





PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



PTA WELCOMES YOU BACK!

Welcome back to all children, parents and carers. We hope you had a fun couple of weeks off.

Just to let you know we have some fun activities lined up this term, watch this space, more details to follow.



SUMMER TERM EVENTS

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

DONATIONS

One very important way we can all support the school is by making a financial contribution, of any size. We have a number of opportunities available, many with little effort or time required. For more information – please visit www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate.



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