

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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KEY DATES



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- Friday 28th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning, straight after drop off
- Friday 28th September: Wine and Cheese Party, 19:00-22:00
- Thursday 4th October: 'Meet your teacher' session, 16:30-17:15
- Friday 12th October: Share in Learning session for Reception families, 08:45-09:15
- Monday 5th November: Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 5, and Year 6, 13:00-19:00 – no clubs, no STEP Zone
- Tuesday 6th November: Parents' Evening for Year 3 and Year 4, 13:00-19:00 – no clubs, no STEP Zone
- Wednesday 7th November: Parents' Evening for Year 1 and Year 2, 13:00-19:00 – no clubs, no STEP Zone



**SERGE
BETSEN**
RUGBY

RUGBY AND SWIMMING AT LA FONTAINE

Years 1 to 6 children, over this academic year, will be receiving rugby coaching. All classes, over this academic year, will be receiving swimming coaching.

Coaching will start his half-term with children across Years 1, 2, 5, and 6 and lessons will be timetabled as follows:

	Rugby	Swimming
Year 1	Wednesday afternoons	
Year 2	Thursday afternoons	
Year 5		Friday afternoons
Year 6		Friday afternoons

On those days, children should come to school in the full PE kit (warm PE kits, as it's now getting cold).

Years 1 and 2, for their rugby lessons, will be using the field. The children will therefore need waterproofs, warm hats, etc. as appropriate. The aim is to use the field even if it rains slightly, to build their stamina and resilience.



Waterproofs need to be light so children can run easily.

This means that, sometimes, they will go home on PE with slightly muddy socks/tracksuit bottoms. This, you'll agree, is part and parcel of playing outdoor sports.

Rugby sessions, as much as possible, will be delivered in French, adding to our language provision as a school.

Serge Betsen will be joining us for a few sessions and we will invite parents (many of whom are rugby fans) to attend.



Other classes need to have their PE kits in school for the whole week, as PE lessons may happen on different days every week (due to space constraints).

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)	Michel Roux Jr. (YEAR 4)	SIMONE VEIL (YEAR 5)	ROLAND BARTHES (YEAR 6)	TOTAL
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (%)	100 🏆	100 🏆	97	96.2	97.2	99.7 🏆	97.9 🏆	91.8	97.6 🏆	98.9 🏆	98.3 🏆	93.3	97.3
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	100 🏆	100 🏆	97.7 🏆	97.6 🏆	97	99.8 🏆	98.7 🏆	94.9	96.7	97.4	96.2	90.3	97.2
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	100 🏆	99.7	99.3	100 🏆	99	97.6	98.3	99.7	98.6	96.9	99.6	98.9	99

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.



STEP ZONE

As discussed before the summer, we are keen to support families who need to access child-care after 18:00.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to recruit STEP Zone workers who could work past 18:00.

To hopefully come up with a solution, a meeting will be organised shortly.

Parents/carers who have expressed an interest in attending a meeting have been informed.



TRANSPORT FOR LONDON SILVER AWARD

We are pleased to tell you that our school has been accredited with a **SILVER AWARD** for our Tfl School Travel Plan 2017/18.

What does this mean? The school worked on 20 or more Active Travel initiatives in the last year; which included Scooter Training, Bikeability, Road Safety Talks and so on. This has contributed to making the outside of our school healthier and safer for the whole community.



Our work to make our children walk to school safer isn't over yet, though, as we're still waiting for Bromley Council to let us know about the results of a recent safety audit.

We have been in touch with Bromley over the past few days and they've promised an update in the next few days.

Depending on the outcome of their audit, we'll either:

- Celebrate their decision to work with us to install a pedestrian crossing on Tilney Road/Homesdale Road
- Agree next steps to get our desired outcome





PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



THE PTA IS OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS AND YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU LIKE. DROP IN ANY TIME, YOU DON'T NEED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.

Please fill out our [short survey](#) so that we know what's of interest to you. Keen to be involved but not able to meet

during the day? We are surveying interest for occasional evening meetings, and there are projects you can take on that can be managed remotely. Ways to take part include:

- Joining our fabulous events committee
- Organising one off fundraising projects such as Christmas card or tea towel sales
- Developing grant applications for larger fundraising projects
- Managing partnerships with local vendors from estate agents to the Churchill Theatre
- Rallying support for PTA and school projects as a Class Rep

UPDATE FROM OUR EVENTS COMMITTEE

The events committee had a brief meeting on Friday 14th to discuss dates our autumn events.

The Welcome to LFA parents wine and cheese evening was agreed for Friday 28th Sept, 7-10pm. Tickets can be purchased [via Classlist](#) at £5 each and the cost includes the cheese buffet. This is always a popular night for new parents.

Halloween will be opened up for discussion at the meeting next Friday. We discussed the possibility of having it after school on Wed 31st Oct, 4-6pm, though this still needs to be discussed and finalised.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 21st September: 8:40-10am** in the school hall - [Events Meeting](#). The Event Committee is open to everyone to join - rest assured this does not mean that you have to attend every meeting or volunteer at every event! We will be discussing our up and coming events for the year.
- **Friday 28th September: 9:10-10am:** [General PTA Meeting](#). Come support the Macmillan Coffee Morning directly after drop off, and then join this meeting to learn more about the PTA structure, communications channels and varied ways you can get involved throughout the year. We will also elect a new Chair for our Trustee Board, responsible for wide oversight across all PTA activities and growing collaboration between our parent/carer community.
- **Friday 28th September: 7-10pm:** [LFA Welcome Wine and Cheese Night](#). As described above, a great opportunity to mingle with new and existing parents. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be sold. Please advance book; the £5 ticket price includes the cheese buffet.

