

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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CONFINED SPACE IN OUR PLAYGROUND

Needless to say that you have noticed the size of our playground.

It is, as many mention to us on a daily basis, small/compact.

Our playground size put our logistics under considerable pressure so we please ask you to work with us to ensure that drop off and pick up are as smooth as possible.

We will install safety barriers in the morning and at the end of the day to create a separate area for parents/carers and children.

On the diagram on the left, you'll see a couple of red lines. Physical barriers will be installed daily there to ensure that children can feel less overwhelmed by the crowd.

We will also stagger our start time **from this week** and will ask **Reception families** to drop their children off at 08:35, giving us 5-10 minutes to clear the playground before they arrive.

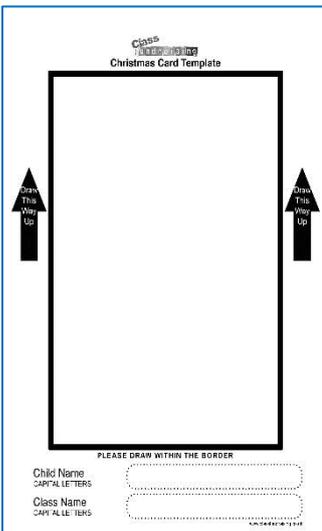
Whilst these measures may not work for everyone, decisions have had to be made to ensure safety is prioritised.



CAR PARK REMINDERS

Please, remember the following:

- ◆ The car park will be locked from 09:15 to 14:45 daily.
- ◆ Ensure that, when parking, you turn off your engine.
- ◆ Ensure that that the car spaces outside the wooden gates of our school are left empty at all times.



FESTIVE CARDS – PTA FUNDRAISER

The children have been working on their Christmas cards this week. Although we say Christmas card, these can be any type of card, whatever festival or holiday you celebrate as the card can be blank inside.

For those of you that have received templates or semi-completed templates in school bags, please can you make sure these are completed at home and sent back in school bags by Thursday 4th October.

Every child will get a sample of their card made up with their name and class printed on the back so please make sure your child's name and class are CLEARLY written in the spaces provided.

If you haven't received a template then your child will have finished their template at 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). 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 (%)	98	94.4	97.8	99.3	97.6	96.4	99.3	96.4	96.2	95.5	97.4	95.9	97.1
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	99.2	98.5	96.8	98.2	97.4	98.7	97.2	96.6	95.9	95.8	96.6	94.1	97.2
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	100	100	99.3	99	98.7	99.3	95.4	98.6	99.1	97	99.6	96.7	98.3

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.



SPELLINGS FOR ALL CHILDREN

As part of the children's learning, there are key words which are really important for them to know how to spell. These words are called 'High Frequency Words' and they're named in this way as they are words which we use very frequently. Many of these words cannot be spelt phonetically, so please help your child learn to spell them. You can find lists at www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep.



HARVEST APPEAL 2018 - PLEASE, BRING ITEMS NEXT WEEK

Reception, Years 1-2: Non-perishable foods (pasta, rice, cans, flour, cereals, lentils, etc.) for charity Emmaus.

Years 3-6: Toiletry items (shower gels, shampoos, shaving foam/gels, etc.) for charity Emmaus.

All classes: teddy bears for children refugees.



19/10/2018

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pink

breast cancer
now

Cheeky monkeys wear it pink.

On Friday 19 October, primary schools across the UK will wear pink, raise money and make life-saving research happen.

Will you and your students join in?

Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day is the perfect way to have fun and end the term in style.

Order your free pack today at:

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GENERAL MEETING UPDATE / NEW PTA CHAIR ELECTED

It was great to see so many new faces on Friday at our first General PTA Meeting. We gave a quick overview of PTA structure, ways to get involved, items purchased and initiatives / spending priorities on the horizon.

We're also thrilled to announce that Leah Harley-Taplin was elected as our new PTA Chair for the course of the 2018/19 school year.

If you couldn't make it, please read more on our website: www.ptalafontaine.org.uk

KEY DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3rd November, 2-5pm: LFA Halloween Party. This will be held at Bishops Justus school on Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HZ. More details will be available soon on Classlist.com. Please save the date for what is always a spooktacular event!

MONTHLY GIVING & FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Support our school through monthly giving; it takes minutes to sign up. Give what you can, cumulatively it makes a big difference. If 200 families donated £1/month we'd raise £2,400/year! Please sign up at MyDonate.

We will report back on funds raised at Friday's Wine and Cheese event in the near future.

We spend funds in line with school need and are currently fundraising towards forest school equipment (including a structure, seating and clothing), moveable goal posts for the field and a developing a rolling, annual field trip fund to support multi-day field trips for Years 2, 4 and 6.

SPENDING UPDATE

On the right is an update of how we've supported the LFA over the course of the last year.

FUNDRAISING STREAMS		
1	Events	£9,448 60%
2	Cashback	£940 6%
3	Merchandise <small>EASY FUNDRAISING / STIKINS Xmas cards etc</small>	£443 2%
4	Regular Giving <small>MyDonate / DD / Corporate matched giving schemes / GAYE</small>	£3,692 23%
5	One Off	£1,490 9%

LFA PTA SPENDING		
2017-18 – including spending on Autumn term class wish-lists		
Books		£3,700
Classroom kit - incl Maths games		£3,600
Sports		£630
Other incl water fountain / Line marking machine / keter box Spare sports kit / science workshop		£1,400

LFA PTA SPENDING		
2018 to date		
Books		£117
Replacement Mud kitchen		£330
Agility Equipment – Marathon money		£2,754
Kitchen classroom equipment		£2,300
Temporary loans		£260
Trim trail back in place		£1,500
Class wish-lists direct from teachers - (£100/class/term)		£2,400
Whole school		£1,380