

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Reception's Christmas Cheer Concert: Wednesday 19th December, 09:00

KS1's Christmas Nativity Production: Wednesday 12th December, 09:00 and 14:00

KS2's Christmas Carols Concert: Tuesday 18th December, 09:00 and 14:00

Two tickets are available per family. Bookings are now open and can be made via www.lafontaineacademy.org/christmas-productions.

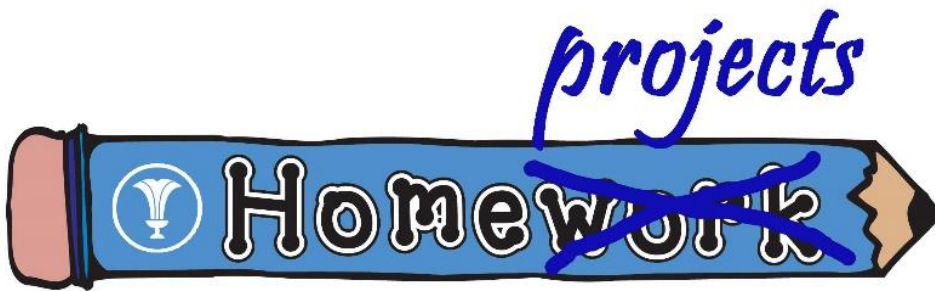


WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, FROM 18:00 ONWARDS – DON'T TELL THE CHILDREN!

Please, come and help us decorate our school on Wednesday 5th December, from 18:00.

Traditionally, people in France put up their Christmas tree on St Nicolas' feast day (6th December).

For the past 4 years, we have organised for our Christmas tree to go up on 5th December, and it's always been a great success, putting extraordinary smiles on our children's faces as they come to school the next day.



HOME PROJECTS EXHIBITION

Remember that all children will need to bring their Home Projects so all of them can be exhibited during our Home Projects Exhibition.

Aim to complete your Home Project as a family for 16th December, as teachers will

ask all children to bring their projects to school ready for the big day on 19th December!

We are aiming for 100% participation.



GENTLE REMINDER – NO SWEETS AFTER SCHOOL

We'd like to remind you that giving sweets/cakes after school (for birthdays, etc.) isn't something we promote.

Recently, we have noticed that some children/parents have been giving sweets out for no particular occasion.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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 (%)	94.7	96.6	98	99.3	99.2	99.3	96.6	95.4	95.8	94	96.3	97.6	97
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	97.6	97.5	97.2	97.8	97.8	97.5	97.7	96.9	95.2	96	96.3	95.5	97
LAST WEEK'S PUNCTUALITY (%)	99	100	99.4	100	99.3	99.3	98.7	99.7	98.5	99	99.6	98	99.3



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.



A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR HEAD GIRLS (ANNELISE)

As a school, we have been open for now four years and have managed to make an impact on the world, always trying to make it better. Many of our students have stepped up and challenged significant problems that affect us every day as people. Problems like endangered animals, pollution, global warming, famine, homelessness, fighting, gender stereotypes, and many other issues that are still happening when they clearly shouldn't. We are well aware that they are here and we want to change that. Our world is not as perfect as many have pictured it. Fortunately, there are people in our school that wish to do good and have raised these dilemmas to our attention.

We have supported many campaigns and have always devoted ourselves to doing the best we can and end these issues. Even our students have done some change themselves, such as:

- The PJ Appeal for people suffering from domestic abuse. We collected hundreds of PJs and books for families fleeing abuse;
- Swapping girls' shirts with boys' shirts in some shops so either gender don't feel restricted about what clothes they wear.
- The shoebox challenge. We collected shoes (useable ones) and some money and sent them to the countries that needed them the most;
- And much more.

We care about our planet! We can preserve our blue planet, or just give up and watch it perish. The choice is ours! Pick the right one and be one of the people who will step up and join us in our fight for what is right!



GATES AT BISHOPS AVENUE

Due to the fact that it is now very dark early, the gates at Bishops Avenue will be closed at 16:30. We have monitored the situation and have noticed that there's almost no visibility past 16:25.

Monsieur Pritchard, our Assistant Caretaker, will close the gates at 16:25 from today (Monday 19th November).



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dr Sebastien Chapleau
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8 November 2018

Dear Dr Chapleau

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check.

Achieving early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading.

There is a significant body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching early reading. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 97 per cent of pupils at La Fontaine Academy reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 6 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 89 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



AVIVA BID - WE NEED YOUR VOTES – ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT

There are only two more days to [vote for our Aviva bid](#) aimed at funding for toilets on our leased school field. This space will be used for a range of school and community activities and events, and the PTA plan to create an allotment garden for growing edible produce on part of the land.

Although the land is spacious, the school is not able to use it as extensively as desired due to a lack of toilets. The PTA hope to attract Aviva Community funding to install water-less composting toilets, which operate on solar and wind power alone. Then our children can use and enjoy the space to its full potential but we need your votes!

Please ask your family and friends to support us too. Every vote makes a difference.

[TO VOTE, GO TO: WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/AVIVA](http://WWW.LAFONTAINEACADEMY.ORG/AVIVA)



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: WINTER FAIR

Our annual Winter Fair will take place on Saturday 15th December between 1-4pm at Bishops Justus school.

Entertainment and musical performances will feature throughout the afternoon.

The day will feature stalls including: Whack a grinch; Snowball attack; pocket money stall; second hand books, toys and uniform; lucky dip; face painting and tattoos; bottle raffle; food, drinks popcorn and gingerbread decorating; arts and crafts; decorate a mug; name the reindeer; grotto and MORE!

External vendors will also be featured for a small fee. If you are interested in selling at the fair, please contact Carey Lyseight on ClassList.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

The PTA are working with [Layhams Farmshop](#) to provide us with top quality Nordic Non-Drop Christmas Trees at a whopping 20% discount on Layhams' retail prices – so get yours quick!

The trees will be bulk-delivered to the school on Sunday 9th December and **must be collected that day between 11am-1pm.**

Order on the PTA website [here](#).

Any questions? Please email: Sze (nzw.lee@gmail.com) or Dina (deenarathod@gmail.com).