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Dear Parents

The English Link Association at the Caousou is a unique opportunity for English speaking children to receive English lessons and activities within the school environment, whilst maintaining and improving their level of English. This level of English and commitment for bilingual children is unusual in French schools and one which we are dedicated to continue, with the support of parents.

The English Link Bureau would like to take this opportunity to thank our current members for their continuing support, trust and commitment and to our new families, a very warm welcome at the beginning of your time with us. Without your support, the English Link Association for our children would not exist. We would like to say a very big thank you to our amazing teachers, Sophie Ferrier, Judith Morisset, Aude d'Allest and Matt Williamson for the quality of their lessons, activities and continued involvement and enthusiasm in the Association.

English Link classroom sessions – Primaire

We are very lucky to have two excellent native English speaking teachers, Sophie and Judith, who work with the bilingual children in our classrooms. They work together to ensure that all children develop and progress throughout the school year. When necessary and for all new children, each child is evaluated at the beginning of the year by Sophie and Judith to determine his/her bilingual needs.

I am delighted to let you know that we now have an English Link bilingual class for our GS children. These children will be taught by Judith for one and a half hours / 2 x 45 minutes each week during school hours. As usual, the Classes of CP and CE1 will have one hour of English per week during school hours and one extra hour on Thursdays after school at 3.45pm and CE2, CM1 and CM2 children will have two hours per week during school hours. Around October/November time, we will organise a Parent/Teacher meeting so that you will have a chance to see and discuss your child's work with Judith or Sophie. Please look out for the email invite nearer the time.

As well as English Classes, we have a number of **extra-curricular activities** in English which we hope will be of interest to you and your child/children. We very much encourage the children to enrol in these sessions if possible as they are fun and the children will be further exposed to an English speaking environment.

Mornings

Maternelle

- Munchkin Club - A one-hour session on Wednesday morning once a week for bilingual maternelle children in all three years at Maternelle in the form of fun with games, songs and stories with Judith Morisset. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to start working on their English outside the home, within the school environment.

After school

Primary

- On Stage! – Tuesdays. Fun on stage and working on acting and scene setting with our very own real actress, Aude d'Allest.

College

- Theatre Company – Fridays led by Aude d'Allest for bilingual and non-bilingual children. A theatre company engaged around working on a play with the intention of auditioning for the "Festival International de Théâtre de Toulouse" at the end of May, beginning of June 2018.

Lunchtimes

Primary CP and CE1

- Bookworms – Fridays. A superb opportunity for children from CP-CE2 to discover books in English and to encourage your child's interest in stories and discover the pleasure of reading. This will also consist of the chance to borrow books, story time, reading and activities around the books. Adapted for the level and age of your child. Led by Judith Morisset
- Mini Kids Club – Mondays. A younger version of our very popular Kids Club below. Expect a fun and happy hour with varied and dynamic activities in English. Led by Judith Morisset.

Primary CE2, CM1 and CM2

- Kids Club – Thursdays. The children will have a huge amount of fun with different activities, based around festivals, art and projects, all in English to aid their oral and writing skills. Led by Judith Morisset.

College

- English Club for 6^{ème} to 3^{ème} (Mondays or Tuesdays depending on the year of your child/student). A very popular class. Numbers limited!
Dynamic and diverse activities in English to ensure our bilingual children build on their oral, thinking and writing skills in English. Don't let your child lose their English! Help them continue to improve and have fun! Led by Matt Williamson.

Please remember that if your child is absent or has another activity (such as the preparation for Communion, school trips etc) it is important to keep the teachers informed.

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Please find attached the **Registration Form** for the English Link activities, which you **must print and complete to register your child(ren) either by sending me your Registration Form AND cheque(s) to the address below or in person at the Forum d'Activities on Friday 8 September 2017, between 6.30 and 8pm.** If you post to the address below, please send an email to confirm you have done this.

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By attending the Forum, you will have the opportunity to meet with the English Link teachers and Bureau, obtain more information and register both Primary and Collège activities at the **English Link Stand.** You will also find our activities schedule on the English Link website and the school website soon.

Payment (in the form of one cheque for the whole year or three cheques dated September 2017, January 2018 and April 2018) must accompany the Registration Form. Other forms of payment cannot be accepted). **IMPORTANT: Please note that English classes AND activities will start on Monday 11 September. However, your child(ren) will not be able to participate in the English Link Association activities, including English Classes, until the Registration Form and Cheque/s have been received.**

We need your help.

We are committed to working with English speaking children to help them achieve a high level of oral, reading, writing and comprehension and we are unable to do this without you. **We need volunteers** to assist the Bureau in activities and in supporting the Association on either a regular or ad hoc basis and without your support, we will not be able to provide activities for your children and for future bilingual children at the Caousou. If you are interested or would like more information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me on 06 32 54 91 62 or on our email address: englishlink31@gmail.com. Also, please check-out our website: www.englishlinkcaousou.fr

In the meantime, we wish you a great start to the new school year.

With kind regards

Catherine Souchard
President
The English Link

Important dates for your diaries:

- Registration at the School Forum: Friday 8 September 6.30 – 8pm.
- **English Link Welcome Breakfast: Thursday 14 Sept 2016. 8am at the Primary.**
An opportunity for new members and current members to meet over coffee and cakes at the beginning of the school year.
- English Link classes and activities start week of the 11 September.
- Parent and Teacher Meeting Primary children: October/November 2017
- Workshops – three during the school year on Wednesday mornings when there's no school
- Xmas party: Sunday 3 December 2017
- Sleeping Beauty Pantomime: January 2018 - Pibrac
- AGM and Garden Party – end of May 2018