

## **Welcome to English Link 2018-2019**

To all children and parents, we hope this summer gave you the opportunity to rest, return home, recharge and get ready for another exciting year of English Link program at Le Caousou!

Following, our last General Assembly, we saw Catherine Souchard leaving the Bureau after a stunning 11 years at the helm. Once again, thank you to Catherine and to all those who have been building, supporting and volunteering for English Link over the past 11 years.

With Catherine leaving, that gives us the opportunity to introduce the new Bureau taking charge of English Link for this coming school year:



### **Carmen Evans is our new President**



*My family moved to Toulouse in the spring of 2016 from the United States for a career opportunity for my husband. When we arrived, our children, who will be starting CP and CM1 this year, didn't speak a single word of French. After just one year, they were not only fully bilingual, but thanks to the English Link, had continued to develop their English skills. The English Link is an important part of my children's education and our family's social life. I'm excited to be leading the program this year and look forward to continuing the legacy of excellence set by previous Presidents.*

### **Aurélie Labouret remains our Treasurer**



*Living in the UK for 5 years was a fantastic experience. When we moved back to Toulouse, English Link offered a great opportunity for expat children like ours to maintain and improve their level of English. Our children will be starting CE2 and CP this year.*

*As a family, English Link is an excellent way to stay in a multicultural environment by meeting families from other countries and cultures. Last year, new parents' involvement was required for English link to continue. Even if I have a busy life as a working mother, I decided to get involved in the Bureau as Treasurer and I am happy to continue this year.*

### **Carole Gourlay joins as Secretary**



*Originally from Scotland, I have been living in Toulouse for the last 22 years. My son, who is starting CM2 this year benefits from English Link: A fantastic opportunity to build on language skills in a multi-cultural environment. I took up the role of Secretary within the association this year ; happy to help for such a worthwhile cause!*

## Damien Huppert will be the Communication Lead



*We arrived last year in Toulouse after having spent 9 years in The Netherlands, where our 3 daughters grew up in a multi-lingual environment. Arriving in Toulouse posed some challenges, keeping up with English being one of them. When I saw the energy and the creativity generated by the English Link teachers, team and volunteers, I was grateful. With Aliénor entering 6°, Hermione joining Grande Section and Bérénice getting her big start in Petite Section, I will make sure no one misses out on our events.*

Talking about events, here is an overview of what we have a planned for this coming quarter:

- September 5 – Welcome breakfast 0800-0900h
- September 10 – First day of English classes
- September 14 – Forum des Activities 18h30-2000h
- September 26 – CP/CE1 workday & Toulouse explorer challenge
- November 13 – Parent/teacher conferences
- November 28 – Workshop at the primary school (pending volunteers)
- December 2 – Christmas party

And much more to come in 2019...

Too many dates to remember?...  
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And Last.... But not least....

Would you like English Link to provide the best possible events?  
Ever wondered how you could give some of your time and for your kids to benefit from it?  
Talk to us about becoming a ELV (English Link Volunteer)?  
Even volunteering for a single event will make have a huge impact!