



Welcome

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On behalf of the Bureau and the members of staff, I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all new and returning families. The school year is kicking off to a good start including a few novelties.

New schedules

New schedules have been put in place thanks to the reversion to 4 school days. This has allowed us to make better use of the space the St Nom Mairie kindly lends us. This organisation allows more room for each of our children to learn and concentrate. We are benefiting from the more spacious environment to welcome each and everyone of our students in the best conditions.

New students

We are very satisfied to see we are running close to full capacity in every class, with 94 students overall. We thank you for your trust.

New teachers

You have probably all met your children's teachers by now. For those unaware, *Dominique Matthews* is now in charge of class 3 as replacement for Shirley.

Dominique taught primary in the UK and also at the Lycée Français in Madrid. *Claire Turner*, one of our reading assistants had to hurriedly move back to the UK. We are happy to welcome *Blandine Heaulme* who will do a great job taking on this task. Minor adjustments may be made in the weeks to come; we will keep you updated.

Finally, as you all know, Open Doors is a parent run organization so we appreciate and need all the help you can offer. I would like to thank those devoted parents for their ongoing help, the committee members (Helen, Charmaine et Christophe) for their recurring contribution, and especially our teachers and administrator who are committed to helping our children improve and learn, providing a very high level of quality English teaching.

Ulysses Jalon, President



Meet the members of staff



Maternelle
Chris EDWARDS
17 years with OD



Maternelle
Asst.
Suzanne BARBAT
9 years with OD



Class 1
Faye SOULET
2 years with OD



Class 2
Jackie BOURGOIN
3 years with OD



Class 3
Dominique MATTHEWS
1 years with OD



Class 4
Claire FOSTER
2 years with OD



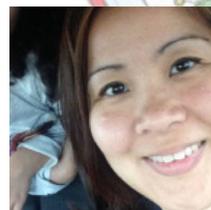
Class 5 & 6
Suzanne ROSS
2 years with OD

Our administrator



Administrator
Shirley JONES
6 years with OD

Our Reading Assistants



Glenda
PETIT



Blandine
HEAULME





Class Reps

Maternelle	Robin Ryder	robryd@googlemail.com
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Class 2	Marianne Richards	marianne.phoenixcards@gmail.com
Class 3	Juliette Giorgi	juliettegiorgi@gmail.com
Class 4	Fiona Dezecot	filooney@hotmail.com
Class 5	Claire Dallier	cdallier@live.fr

Meet the Bureau

The **Bureau** is composed of 4 parents assuming roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They meet 4 times per year to discuss different matters relating to the overall functioning of OD. The extended **Committee** includes the class reps, the administrator and a teacher rep, also meets around 4 times a year. The Annual General Meeting takes place in June. This is where major decisions about the organization of Open Doors are made, a new Bureau elected, accounts approved and the budget set.



Ulysses Jalon
President



Charmaine Watts-Gorce
Vice-President



Helen Meany
Treasurer



Christophe Bottega
Secretary



Upcoming Events

Please mark the following events in your diary.

As always, Open Doors is counting on your continued support and participation to make these events a success.



Baker Books

The book catalogue will be available in November just after mid-term holidays. Parents will be asked to place their order online line. Books will then be delivered at OD in time for Christmas holiday.

Christmas cards

Children will be making personalized greeting cards before mid-term break. These can then be purchased at a small contribution. Orders must be placed by November 7th.



Cheese and Wine Parents event

A Friday Cheese & Wine session is in preparation. Invitations will be sent as soon as the date is set in stone.

Also keep in mind:

- Parent Coffee Meetings have already started happening. Maternelle to Class 2 was a success. Contact your Class Rep for the when and where.
- Class 5 parent/teacher meeting is scheduled December 5th.

Highlights from past events

Porte ouverte – Forum des associations

This year OD had a stand at the St Nom de la Bretèche forum des associations held on September 8th. This provided some publicity for Open Doors and a few contacts were collected.

Vide-Grenier September 16, 2018

Open Doors had its usual book stand outside the Primary classes at the Maison des Associations where we sold English books and DVDs for adults and children. We raised 169€. A big thank you to all those parents who enjoyed the sun and gave their time to help sell the books.

Parent/Child Sports/Fun afternoon

Planned on September 8th, the event was a nice gathering under the sun, where new friends were made.