

Dear Parents,

Le Club Frère Jacques at Emmanuel C of E Primary School

Le Club Frère Jacques specialises in teaching French to children aged from 3 to 11. Our aim is to encourage a positive attitude towards learning languages which will equip pupils to succeed in their future schools. Above all we make French fun and easy to learn.



Why teach a second language to young children ?

There is a period in the development of young children when they are particularly receptive to languages. Dr.Montessori frequently compared the young mind to a sponge "they will learn a language without formal instruction and without the conscious tedious effort which an adult must make to master a foreign tongue". The vocal chords of a child are supple enough to reproduce the sounds of a new language naturally, their ear is so acute at this stage and they lack the self-consciousness which will later inhibit them. Quite simply - the younger the better.

But can we ever speak French like the French ?

Accuracy in pronunciation is a skill most children acquire quickly. They are excellent imitators, so they can achieve near native pronunciation - if taught by a native speaker.

What are the lessons like ?

The lessons are entertaining and organised, with the emphasis on oral work. In order to make the child participate there are various activities such as games, songs, rhymes and role playing which cater for a relatively short attention span. Children are always actively involved. During the school year we progress from simple greetings and basic nouns to participation in real life situations such as sketches and dialogues. Materials include books, objects, flash cards, cassettes and always our friendly hand puppets who, of course, can only speak French. The lessons develop confidence, social skills and make learning French a positive, enjoyable experience.

What are the teachers like ?

All the teachers at Le Club Frère Jacques are French. Apart from teaching the language they will introduce children to French culture, traditions and way of life. They are experienced teachers who have, in addition, undergone thorough training with Le Club Frère Jacques in the special skills necessary to teach a foreign language to young children. The teachers are dedicated individuals who, above all, enjoy working with children.

When do lessons take place and what is the cost ?

The club takes place on Tuesdays at 3:30-4:00 for Infants (years 1 & 2) & 4:00-4:30 for Juniors (years 3-6). Term fees are £60 per child for the course, fees to be paid at the time of application. Cheques should be made payable to Le Club Frere Jacques or can be made online. Bank details are : Barclays bank, sort code : 20-30-21, account number : 43206718, account name : Le Club Frere Jacques. Lessons start on Tuesday, January 15th and end on Tuesday, March 26th ; there is no lesson during half term February 18-22. **To apply for a place please complete and return the application form with payment to the Club Frere Jacques office before the deadline of December 4th or email the details to us at Chantryhall.club@asquithmontessori.co.uk;** unfortunately, applications received after this date cannot be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

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I would like my child to attend **Le Club Frère Jacques'** French club

Child's name.....Date of birth..... School Year

Parents name (if different)..... Address.....

.....Post code

Daytime/Mobile tel. no..... Emergency contact no.....

Email address.....Parents signature.....

Any medical conditions/allergies.....