

Introduction

La Maternelle Out of School Care & Pre school are owned and managed by my husband David my son Will and myself. They have been partially financed by the New Opportunities Fund. During the past five years these grants have enabled us to set up six clubs all situated on Primary School sites, but operating independently. One in Sound near Nantwich, one in Haslington, one in Malpas, one in Wybunbury, one in Stapeley and one in Wistaston together with our first Nursery. The clubs offer before, after school and holiday sessions. We aim to provide high quality care for children aged 4 to 12 years in a safe, caring but disciplined environment.

We are now pleased to have been given the opportunity by the governors of Pear Tree Primary School to set up an Out of School Care Club (for children aged between 4 and 12 years) due to open after half term in February 2005.

We are registered with OFSTED who carry out regular inspections. We are members of the Out of School Care Association and are supported by Cheshire County Council, Sure Start Department. Facilities are staffed by qualified and screened personnel with a ratio of one staff member to eight children (under eight years of age) and one staff member to six children (under three years of age.)

On a more personal note I am a fully qualified teacher of French, Physical Education & Religious Education with 30 years experience of the nursery, primary & secondary sectors of education.

Out of School Care 

A healthy breakfast and tea are provided. A packed lunch with an ice pack enclosed must be brought to holiday sessions. All meal times are shared together as a large family with emphasis on helping to set and clear the tables, good manners and enjoying each others company. We pride ourselves on the true French meaning of La Maternelle - a homely place to be.

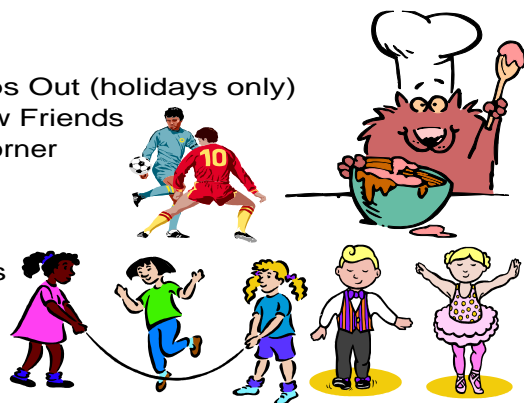
All sessions are structured in order to offer the children an exciting and stimulating leisure time with us, including both quiet and active periods. Each club has an elected Children's Council to ensure full supervised participation from the children in the day to day running and organization of activities and snack rotas. The children are encouraged to share their ideas with the staff either through their Children's Council or by means of a suggestion box. Termly newsletters are available for everyone to catch up on what is happening in each club.

These activities include:

- Arts and Crafts
- Painting
- Construction Toys
- Pool
- Snooker
- Shuffle Board
- Table Tennis
- Table Football
- Dressing Up area
- TV and Video Corner
- Full use of school facilities



- Cookery
- Exciting Trips Out (holidays only)
- Meeting New Friends
- Role Play Corner
- Knex
- Computer
- Dance mats
- Talent shows
- Karaoke
- Visitors
- G-mag



- Multi cultural aspects are promoted through all activities
- Festivals from different cultures will be celebrated and covered as part of our topics and themes
- Games, Indoor and Outdoor including Football, Cricket, Rugby, Rounders, Skipping and Tennis
- Playstation 2, Nintendo Gamecube, Nintendo, Nintendo 64 & X Box

Nursery



The day to day running and organisation of this facility is the responsibility of my son Peter and his fiancée Miss Victoria Hough who is a fully qualified, Early Years Primary school teacher.

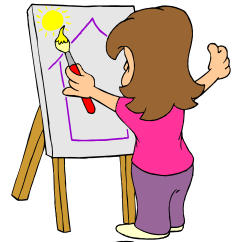
The sessions are structured into a routine, allowing the children time for free choice play, and adult directed activities following curriculum guidance for the foundation stage.

Our staff, under the direction of a fully qualified and experienced Primary School teacher are committed to promoting childrens individual needs including their physical, social, spiritual and intellectual development. The children have the opportunity to express

- Knex
- Art & craft
- Books/stories
- Role play
- Imaginative play
- Garden & nature awareness
- Quiet areas/corners
- Music
- Dance
- Easels
- Lego duplo



- Messy play
- Sand
- Water
- Painting
- Story time
- Finger painting
- Play dough
- Cooking & baking activities
- Rhyme time
- Small world play activities
- Circle games



- Fun French - taught by a qualified, experienced teacher
- Outdoor play - variety of toys & equipment together with full use of the school facilities.
- Visitors
- Trips
- Walks
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All meal times are shared together as a large family with emphasis on helping to set and clear tables, good manners and enjoying each others company. We pride ourselves on the true French meaning of La Maternelle - a homely place to be. A healthy snack is provided at all sessions. Please see details of meals/snacks provided in our information on opening times & fees.

We have a close partnership with the school, sharing and enjoying many of their facilities including full use of the playground and playing fields.

The children are prepared for integration into Primary School life with visits from the Head Teacher and staff into the Pre School and visits to the Primary School by the children.

Comments made by an OFSTED inspector during a recent inspection

‘The routine is well planned, structured and offers a good balance of activities for children to enjoy. Fresh air and exercise are strongly encouraged and children have lots of fun playing outside games.’

‘La Maternelle offer a wide range of activities and resources to create a stimulating and welcoming environment for children. Children are kept busy and they enjoy their time at the club.’

‘Children enjoy playing with the multi-cultural resources and ethnic dressing up clothes. Activities about equality and cultural diversity heighten children’s awareness and encourage positive attitudes.’

‘Good behaviour is valued and staff offer children regular praise and encouragement to promote positive behaviour. Children are polite, confident and well behaved. They have positive

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