

# Learning French with **Club Petit Pierrot** at Hopes & Dreams...



Club Petit Pierrot specialises in teaching French to children aged from 8 months to 11 years old. In a happy atmosphere French is taught to the children through play, using a wide variety of stimulating language games and exercises, songs, dances, educational toys, stories, puppets and through role-play. The lessons have a structured routine which allows the children to feel at ease and confident to interact in French. The lessons are planned around a diversity of themes and projects, which are practical, interesting and ....great fun!

## 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 totally in French. Children have the ability to absorb a language easily, as they show learning their mother tongue. Through a similar language learning process they learn French effortlessly and acquire a good accent. The children will also celebrate many French customs and learn about the French culture with special events such as Bastille Day, La galette des rois, Mardi Gras, etc.

## What are the teachers like?

Qualified and experienced native French teachers: The lessons are taught by a team of dynamic, caring and dedicated teachers. They are very sensitive to the needs of children and are passionate about teaching.

## When do lessons take place and what is the cost?

The half hour lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00-4.00p.m. The fees are £75 per term. If you would like your child to learn French, please complete the slip below and return to Hopes & Dreams.

**NB Classes are for children who are 2.5 years and older.**

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## Club Petit Pierrot at Hopes & Dreams...

I would like my child to attend **Club Petit Pierrot's** French club, I am aware that my child will be included in every subsequent Term's class unless I opt out in writing. My Nursery Account will be changed accordingly.

Commencing (Please tick)

**Summer Term**     **Autumn Term**     **Spring Term**

Please collect £75.00 payment by Direct Debit

I attach a cheque for £75.00 made payable to Hopes and Dreams (City) Ltd

Child's Name .....

Date of Birth .....

Parent's Name ..... (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature.....Date .....

Please return completed form to the Hopes and Dreams Main Office – **Thank you.**