

### QUESTION TIME WITH DAME SALLY

Paris: We are going to be interviewing Madam Coates about what she thinks of the school house project

Saleem: The school house project is a project designed by the famous architect to give children an opportunity to be able to learn different aspects about building.

Saleem: Madam Coates, how do you think this would benefit the school?

Madam Coates: I think it will be an exciting thing for the school to do because it is something that's never been done in a school before as far as I know. First of all there will be a lot of skill that everybody will learn as part of building a house. Secondly it will bring the school together as a real community. Thirdly we would actually have a house.

Paris: So what does project mean to you as a head teacher?

Madame Coates: It means a lot to me, because I like doing things that have never been done before that is innovative and new. And it's also a challenge because I'm thinking is it really going to work? Can we really do it? So I like to have a fresh challenge and I think this will be a challenge for us all.

Saleem: How was the idea brought up in the beginning?

Madame Coates: The idea came because I travelled in a car with an architect to a meeting for two and a half hours and we were talking about, vocational education and he said he'd built houses and wouldn't it be great fun if your students built a house. So I said yes and that's how it started really.

Paris: As you think it is such a good idea for our school, would you say it will be a good idea for other schools?

Madame Coates: I think it would be a great idea for other schools. But firstly we are very lucky to have land that we can build on; we've got enough space and have a building which we are going to demolish and we are going to put the house there. So not all schools will have the amount of land. Secondly we are very lucky that we have an architect that is not charging us; he's going to work with us for a whole year for free. And thirdly we hope that lots of

companies will donate the materials so we don't have to buy anything. For example the wood the bricks and things for free and they'll be involved. So I think it will be great for other schools, but as we are the first school, it may be easier for us.