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## Attendance Ted

As Attendance Ted has become so popular, we now have two Attendance Teds... we are now going to celebrate the attendance of two classes each week (one from Early Years / Key Stage 1 and one from Key Stage 2). 6H had the red Attendance Ted in their room for gaining 97.7% attendance last week. Robins class have had the blue Attendance Ted for gaining 94.1% attendance. Well done to both classes.



## Donations for Harvest

Thank you to everyone who has already donated for Harvest for our chosen charity, Nourish. Please bring any other donations into school on Monday and we will take it to Nourish later in the day. Thank you.

## A message from Miss Harris

It has been another busy week here at St Matt's – so many positives across the week with children trying hard with their learning and making progress. Well done to everyone.

Here are a couple of highlights:

- Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Geography field trip out of school and exploring the local area – great to take learning outside!
- Year 5 paired up with Year 1 this week to read together and get to know each other before walking to Church together on Monday for the Harvest Service – it was lovely to see Year 1 and Year 5 working together.
- It was good to welcome Felicity from Kent Young Carers into worship on Thursday to tell us more about what it means to be a young carer and the support available.

The children were keen to ask lots of questions and it was great to see how engaged they were. Please do contact our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Dent, if you would like to find out more about Young Carers.



## Positive Changes ...

As a school, we now work in partnership with The English Hub to continue to develop our provision in the teaching of Phonics. On Wednesday, the English Hub visited us for the day and worked alongside us – we had lots of very positive feedback about the quality of the phonics provision we have in place for our children to support them with their reading! Good news.

Thank you for your support in reading with your children each day – it really does make a difference!



## ... and Successes

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who represented St Matthew's at the Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club event this week. The girls had great fun playing friendly matches against other schools and in practising their rugby skills – they played well and were a credit to St Matt's!



## Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Below are the key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Terms 1 and 2:

- Friday 4th October or Monday 7th October : Harvest donations for 'Nourish'
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Service at St Matthew's Church for children
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Year 3 trip to Amelia Centre
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Donations for Christmas 'Shoebox Appeal'
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: End of Term 1 for children
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: INSET day for teachers. School closed for pupils.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Autumn Break – School closed
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Start of Term 2 for all
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Consultations
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (am): Reception Nativity for parents
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (pm): Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (am) Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 2