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Zones of Regulation Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the Zones of Regulation event this afternoon and discuss supporting children to regulate their emotions.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®



Forest School next week

Next week, on Thursday 14th November, Class 5B (Year 5 – Miss Bradley) will be taking part in Forest School. Please can children come to school dressed in clothes suitable for Forest School, and have a coat and boots so they can enjoy the experience.



A message from Miss Harris

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to begin learning about the topics for Term 2.



Year 1 have become very animated about a situation in their classroom where the classroom was disrupted and they needed to find out what had happened and who did it – some great writing was developed. Several classes in the school have been looking to develop their athletic abilities this week – they have been speed bouncing, developing their technique for leaping as high as possible and practising their chest passes with a weighted ball. It looked like lots of fun!



Next week is a busy week for us all – on Monday we will be respecting Remembrance Day. During the week, it is National Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need – please read on to find out how we will be marking these key events.



Teachers are looking forward to meeting you to discuss the progress of your children during this first part of the year. If you haven't already booked your appointment to see your child's teacher, do contact the school office so this can be arranged for you.

Attendance Ted

Well done to Owls (Year 1 class) for much improved attendance for the week before the break. Very good attendance from class 6C too – well done to everyone! 😊

The attendance of many children has been good over the past term and should be celebrated – of course, we all know that when children's attendance is good, their learning benefits.

Over the next few days, you will receive a letter confirming for you the attendance of your child for Term 1 – this will provide you with a percentage of attendance. We aim for 96% attendance (although, there are sometimes reasons why this might not be met).

If there is anything we can do to support you or your child with their attendance, please do contact Mrs Dent (our Family Liaison Officer) or Mrs Smith (our Attendance Officer).



Positive Changes and Successes

We welcome two new members of staff to the team: Mrs Brown who now officially joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Class 4W (although, has been working with us for a while already) and Mrs Stevens who joins us as a Teaching Assistant in Puffin Class (Year 3).

Congratulations to the football team that had a great start to the season on Thursday, beating Skinners Kent Primary School 4-3.

All the boys played really well and were a credit to St Matthew's. Do look out for the Year Group Newsletters telling you about the Curriculum for Term 2. 😊



Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

Next week, it is national Anti-Bullying week and the theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. This sits perfectly with our school value of respect. The theme was decided after consultation with teachers and children across the country because it empowers them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

On Friday, we are inviting the children to wear something yellow or spotty for a donation to Children in Need. (This will be an own clothes day.) We would also like them to wear odd socks on Friday to recognise Anti-Bullying week, and the work Children in Need does to support those who have suffered bullying.

There is a QR code where you can use to donate to Children in Need, but we will also collect cash donations.

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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 Term 2 (we have included new events are in green for Terms 3 and 4):

- Monday 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Wednesday 13th November: Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November: Parent Consultations
- Friday 15th November: Children in Need
- **Week beginning 18th November: Book Club in school**
- Monday 16th December: Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
- Tuesday 17th December (am): Reception Nativity for parents
- Tuesday 17th December (pm): Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 18th December (am) Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20th December: End of Term 2

Dates for Term 3:

- **Monday 6th January: Term 3 begins**
- **Thursday 13th February: Term 3 ends for children**
- **Friday 14th February: INSET day for staff – School closed for pupils**
- **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Spring Term break**

Dates for Term 4:

- **Monday 24th February: Term 4 begins**
- **Friday 4th April: Term 4 ends**