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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents at our **New to Reception** meeting this week. Thank you to you all for coming and to both the **PTA** who hosted their AGM and our fantastic Reception teachers for giving up their evening to talk with parents, going through the routines of the Reception day and our EYFS curriculum.

I have some more dates for you for the Autumn term. We will be having our Parent Teacher Consultations 'virtually' again - at least for this term - and they will take place on:

Thursday 18th November 2021 and **Tuesday 23rd November 2021** from 4.00 pm -7.00 p.m.

Last week we advertised our **residential trip dates**. Unfortunately since then the company Kingswood, who are running our Y6 trip, have said that some of their summer term dates had been, "double booked due to a computer error within our reservation system". Thankfully we do still have our trip booked with them but it will be for the week before which is the **20th June – 24th June 2022**. They will also be discounting the trip due to the error. Costings and information for this trip, together with our Y4 and Y5 trips will follow over the next fortnight.

In other news I spoke to Garden Fields' parent Stacey Turner about the recent event that was organised to support refugees from Afghanistan. She asked me if she could forward this message of thanks to you all:

"Dear Garden Fields families, on behalf of It's OK To Say, thank you to the families who attended our sorting and packing weekend at St Saviours Church. What I have watched unfold during the past few weeks has been extraordinary. It was lovely to see our community come together and support in many ways. Offers of support have poured in and I thank you for that. We transported hundreds of boxes to the County Council right up to last Friday; it was a huge operation and we are still working very closely with the operations teams and Red Cross to provide further support. Thank you for your ongoing support. Kindest Regards, Stacey Turner. P.S. Hope to see you at the St Albans Food and Drink Festival next Sunday at 12:45pm with celebrity chef, Jon Watts chatting food and mental health."

Have a good weekend everyone – the forecast is good for tomorrow and for the first half of Sunday!

Kind regards,

Mr Farrugia

