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The summer of 2023 is the fourth hottest recorded in France since 1900, says the Minister of Ecological Transition. 21.8 degrees on average were recorded over the last three months, from June to August. This is 1.4 degrees above seasonal norms, as a new heat wave will hit France this week, especially in the western half of the country. Up to 36 were degrees recorded in Bordeaux, 37 in La Rochelle, and even 38 degrees in Limoges - Temperatures never seen before at this time of year.

And 12 million students returned to school this morning. An opportunity for the Minister of Education Gabriel Attal to address to several questions surrounding this school year. Among them, that of an experiment with school uniforms. This has already been mentioned a few weeks ago by the executive. Gabriel Attal is in favor of moving the debate forward. The modalities will be detailed in the fall, according to the minister.

The *Restos du Coeur* are currently facing great financial difficulties, with a 35-million-euro deficit, mainly due to inflation and a lack of donations. As a result, 150 000 beneficiaries will not be fed this year. "If nothing is done, we will close in 3 years," even alerted the president of the non-profit Patrice Drouet. In response, the government announced an aid of 15 million euros that will be paid in the coming days. The family of Bernard Arnaud, at the head of LVMH, will pay 10 million euros to the organization and the mass distribution sector has also promised to help.

Abroad, 17 Russian drones were shot down after an attack from Ukraine. The attack targeted the south of the Ukrainian region of Odessa without causing any casualties. Buildings were also damaged in the city district of Izmail port - a strategic site regularly targeted by Moscow.

And we will end with the confidence and optimism of tourism professionals for this late season. Nearly one in two French people plan to go away at least one weekend in September. Hotel reservation rates have already reached 41% compared to 35% last year, according to figures from MKG.