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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an interesting few days of weather! It has been wonderful hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about their time in the snow!

Extreme Weather

Thank you all for your comments and understanding regarding the weather last week. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. The health and safety of all will always be at the forefront of any decision. A big thank you to Adrian Semple who kept us informed throughout last week of the conditions we were going to be faced with.

Clearing of Snow

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped to clear the snow from the car parks, playgrounds and walk ways. We had over forty people including staff and relatives, parents, pupils, past pupils and members of the Parish. What a brilliant community we have at St George's!

Open-Charity

Just a reminder below:

We have been talking to the children these past weeks about 'The Year of Mission' and supporting charities in our community. The children would like to support the Open Door Homeless Charity and each class has decided to do something slightly different all of which will benefit the charity greatly.

Please see below what each class has chosen to do to support:

Class 6 have decided to bring in food items to create a hamper.

Class 5 will be having a Cake Sale and money raised will be used to buy necessities.

Class 4 will each bring home an empty lunch bag and will fill it with a tin of food.

Class 3 have decided to bring in tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Class 1 and Class 2 have decided to bring in toiletries such as toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, sponges etc.

Reception have decided to bring in dried food items to create a hamper.

We would really appreciate donations by Friday 9th March. The Cake Sale is planned for Thursday 8th March and all children will be able to buy a cake at break time.

I have been really impressed and touched with the enthusiasm and desire of the children to support the Open Door Charity. They are very thoughtful, kind and caring children and I know that their kind gestures will be greatly appreciated.

World Book Day

I know that there would have been 223 disappointed children and many disappointed staff and head teacher on Thursday when we realised that World Book Day was postponed. We will be celebrating World Book Day in the Summer Term to coincide with the opening of our new library. Please keep your costumes ready for the Summer Term.

Bishop Declan

Helen Mac Connell and I had a thirty minute meeting with Bishop Declan last Wednesday in Bristol. I was very proud to be able to talk to him about the wonderful children at St George's and the loving and supportive community that we are part of. Thank you for your support and helping make the school that it is.

Kilve

A big thank you to the Year Five Team in planning an excellent Kilve Residential. I was lucky enough to spend the day at Kilve with the children and staff on the Thursday and was delighted to see the children having so much fun and taking part in many challenging activities such as abseiling, climbing, off-road mountain biking and much more. The staff really appreciated the many thank-yous from parents on their return. There is so much work that goes into planning such trips and your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Sports at St George's

I just wanted to bring to your attention how impressed I am that the school is very active and competes in almost all sporting tournaments across Taunton. The children know the importance of playing sport in the right way and being respectful of others. They play with smiles on their faces and with a determination to try their best. It delights me that they understand that competing for the school is about enjoyment and development. Regardless of the result, the children play the game in the right spirit and remember important factors such as thanking the referee at the end, congratulating the opponents and being excellent role models. They wear their St George's sports kit with pride and quite rightly so. A big well done to all our children.

Stations of the Cross

Just a reminder that we have our 'Stations of the Cross' Service at school on Wednesday 21st March at 10am. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

School Mass

The end of term Mass will be at the school on Friday 23rd March at 9:30. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Inset Day

Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 9th April. The teaching staff will be attending a training day with all the Catholic Schools in Somerset on this day. School will open for the Summer Term on Tuesday 10th April.

Catholic Houses Parking Spaces

As you drive on to our one way system, there are three yellow bollards used to keep the 3 end spaces outside the Catholic houses reserved for residents. Please can all parents and carers keep the bollards in place and the spaces free? One of the residents has a young baby and needs access to the space at all times.

Yours sincerely

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