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Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the feedback that I have received regarding the funding crisis in schools. Your kindness and support has been very much appreciated. Rebecca Pow has agreed to meet with me, Helen Mac Connell and colleagues from other schools on Friday 5th April.

Stations of the Cross

Our annual Stations of the Cross Service will be at the school on Wednesday 3rd April at 9:30am. All parents, carers and members of the parish are invited to attend.

End of Term Mass

The end of term Mass will be at the school on Friday 5th April at 9:30am. As above, you are all welcome to attend.

Start of Summer Term Mass

The start of summer term Mass will be at St George's Church on Tuesday 23rd April at 9:30am.

School Uniform Policy

I have always been impressed with the smart uniform we have at the school. We often receive many positive comments from visitors about this matter. I have noticed in the past days where our uniform policy is not being followed. Can I please just remind all parents and carers of our School Uniform Policy. I have attached the policy to this newsletter. Hair bands and bows must be kept to a reasonable size. I have noticed some children wearing trainers to school. It is school policy that school shoes and not trainers are worn to school. There are exceptional circumstances where children have to wear trainers for medical reasons but these cases must be discussed with the school. As we hopefully enter a few months of glorious weather, can I also remind parents and carers that open toed sandals must not be worn for health and safety reasons.

Big Pedal

Just a reminder that our two week BIG PEDAL initiative starts on Monday 25th March. Sustrans are working with us to encourage active ways of travelling to school. Any active way of travelling will be encouraged. Please can you email photos of you and your children actively travelling to the school office so that we can create a display.

Bike Maintainance

Just a reminder that we have a company visiting St George's after school on Tuesday 26th March to demonstrate to parents and children on how to maintain and fix your bike. This will be from 3:45 – 4:45. To book a place, please can you email Sustrans on <u>taunton@sustrans.org.uk</u>.

Head Teacher for the Day

Many congratulations to Matthew Ostrouch on a successful day as Head Teacher at St George's. Matthew was kept very busy and seemed to enjoy the experience.

St George's Fundraising Team

A huge thank you to Mrs Browne, Mrs Ware and Mrs Wilkins who met with me to discuss ideas on raising money at the school. Their enthusiasm, ideas and desire to raise as much money was fantastic. We have already booked a date for a disco. This will be on Friday 17^{th} May. A newsletter will be sent out soon by the fundraising team. Can I please ask that all parents and carers get behind the team of fundraisers and support with events so that we can raise as much money as possible which will have a positive impact on the children!

Best wishes Mark Braund