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Dear Parents

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As we move towards the Easter break I wanted to write to all of you to thank you for your continued support of the school whether connected to our Primary or Secondary phase. The schools are now almost seamlessly interlinked with a number of activities going on between the two sites and increasing numbers of children working together on various projects or activities.

Since Christmas there have been numerous occasions that we should all be proud of and these have once again highlighted the hard work of pupils and staff alike. We have been challenged by the weather, by changes to examinations and by ever changing budgets but in each and every case the school community have met these head on. It is testament to the resilience and hard work of everyone connected to the school.

We were privileged this week to be visited by the Archbishop of Canterbury who came to celebrate the success of the school and the popularity of us as an institution. We were overwhelmed to hear how impressed he was with both schools, his recognition of our atmosphere and ethos as well as the fantastic opportunity the pupils got to meet with him and share views and opinions. It was an experience to be proud of and provided an excellent start to Holy Week.

During World Book Day the costumes, the camaraderie, the fun and the joy that was had by all was an indication of the huge respect that the children and staff have for each other. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive and hard working community who are prepared to make every opportunity an enjoyable one.

In the sporting arena we have reached a Kent Cup Quarter Final at Football, won numerous medals at swimming, performed admirably in the Primary Cross Country and Hoola Hooped at a local festivals. We have competed in a range of activities and have challenged ourselves musically and laid on Easter plays. In Science we have attempted cloning and in Technology we have won awards in local competitions. There is truly a place for all the talents at our school.

Many of you have spoken to us about the improvement in our website and effectiveness of our communication on Social Media. We have a team that have worked tirelessly to improve this aspect and keep you informed of any changes educationally or in the weather! The "Beast from the East" was indeed at challenge and I would like to thank those parents who joined colleagues and myself keeping the sites safe during the Siberian experience. Never have our Christian values been more obvious in the teamwork of so many people.

After the Autumn Open events we remain the most oversubscribed school in the County at Secondary and have large waiting lists at both schools. We continue to do the best we can for all our pupils whatever their interests and endeavours and accommodate many community groups during after school hours.

As we approach the examination and national tests it is only right and proper that I thank all the staff at the school for their hard work. No school can function effectively without the support of the administration, finance, premises, cleaning or catering departments. Often these areas go unnoticed by those outside the school but without them we would not have the fantastic systems and facilities we have daily. These are the backbone of the school that keep the support in place for teachers and Teaching Assistants to do their job effectively.

We are totally committed to preparing the pupils for all the different tests whether Phonics, SATS, GCSE's, Btec or A Levels. The list seems almost endless, but in every case the message to our pupils is clear. As a school we believe in you all, will support you and are proud of you whatever you achieve because you are part of the St. George's community. Just do your best.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter, thank you for your continued support and whether you are a pupil, staff member or parent, thank you for making me a very proud Headteacher.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Mirams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Mirams  
Headteacher