



September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

1st October – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day

I am delighted to say that our Year 7 students have settled in very well at St Thomas More and are already a valued part of our school community. It has been wonderful getting to know them over the past few months and I very much look forward to working with them during their first year at St Thomas More as their Head of Learning.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group adopts a Saint to learn more about and look at ways in which we can follow in their footsteps. For Year 7, we have chosen Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who is also known as the Little Flower of Jesus. The lessons we learn from Saint Thérèse are that small acts of kindness can have a mighty impact in making our world a more beautiful place for each other and to appreciate the world in which we live.

On Tuesday 1st October, we invite the children to celebrate the Feast Day of St Thérèse. On this day, the Year 7 students are permitted to attend school in non-uniform for a voluntary £1 donation.

The Year 7 students will also be raising money by way of a Cake Sale. We kindly ask that you support the children by baking or purchasing baked goods to bring in for the Sale and that you supply them with some change to make a purchase. All monies raised on the day will go to the Year 7's chosen charity which is to be confirmed. Children can bring their donated goods to reception on the morning of the 1st October.

Finally, as part of the day, we will be walking up to St Anne's Church on Terrace Road for a Liturgy. This will take place during the school day and so alternative transportation to and from school does not need to be arranged.

Future Key Dates for Year 7:

- 1st October – Flu vaccinations
- 1st October – Non uniform and cake sale for Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day
- 17th October – Year 7 Review evening (more details to follow)
- 18th October – Welcome mass
- 25th October – School closes for half term at 3:10

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Kerry Taylor

Head of Learning for Year 7 and 8

