

September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi

I am delighted to say that our Year 8 students have had a good return to St Thomas More after the summer. I very much look forward to working with them again, during their second year as their Head of Learning.

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching programme, each year group has adopted a Saint to learn more about and look at the examples set in which we can follow. For Year 8, we have chosen Saint St Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of ecology and animals and promoted looked after nature.

On Friday 4th October, we invite the children to celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis. On this day, the Year 8 students are permitted to attend school in non-uniform for a voluntary £1 donation.

The Year 8 students will also be raising money by way of a sponsored litter pick (weather permitted) around our local community. We would like to conduct the litter pick on Friday 4th but if weather does not permit, we will move this to Friday 11th and we will communicate this with you closer to the time.

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.

We kindly ask that you support the children in their fundraiser by asking friends and relatives for a small sponsorship donation. The children will be coming home with a sponsorship form, or you may use the sheet attached. All monies raised on the day will go to the Year 8's chosen charity: RSPCA. Children can give their collected sponsorship to their Form Tutor by Monday 14th October.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Kerry Taylor

Head of Learning for Year 7 and 8



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Year 8 Litter Pick – Sponsorship Form

Our Year 8 students will be working together on a litter pick to clean up some of our local areas within our community. They are doing so to raise money for the RSPCA and to be good stewards of looking after the environment.

We are asking for you to support them in asking for sponsorship and organising the collection of this*.

We kindly ask that you return all moneys raised, in an envelope with your child's name on the front. Students can give the envelope to their Form Tutor or you can bring it in to reception if you prefer. All money should be given in by Monday 14th October.

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*Please note, we will be sharing a link to sponsor online if you prefer. Please look out for this on our Facebook and X pages.



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