

29 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming to the end of a very busy term and I am really pleased with the response from the pupils to the call for alms-giving this Lent. Through non-uniform days, cake sales, competitions, raffles and many more events, the pupils have worked hard to raise money for our chosen charities: Derbyshire Refugees (Bede House), Toilet Twinning (Columba House) and CAFOD (Francis House). They have also been raising money for World Book Day and Comic Relief.

A quick reminder: we will be holding our second non-uniform day on **Friday 31 March**. Students have been asked to bring in £1, as soon as possible, which will go towards our Lenten fund raising. They are also encouraged to wear their 'house' colour: Bede is yellow, Columba blue and Francis red.

School will finish for the end of term on **Friday 7 April**. Our spiritual preparation for Easter will climax with a Mass in school at 9.00 a.m. celebrated by Fr Robbie. After Mass lessons will be as normal until lunch. Pupils in **Years 7-10 will be dismissed after lunch at 1.10** and will need to make their own way home. **Year 11** students will stay in school in the afternoon; they **will be dismissed at 2.50 p.m.** During the afternoon they will attend a workshop on how to revise. This will be run by a guest speaker.

School reopens on **Monday 24 April for staff and pupils**. The school day starts as usual at **8.50 a.m.**

On behalf of all the staff and pupils at St Thomas More, I wish you a happy and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Headteacher

