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Friday 13th December 2024

End of Term Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We arrive at the end of a long and fruitful term. Every one of our students and staff deserves a fantastic Christmas break because of their commitment to excellence in keeping with our 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride' ethos. Please note that the three-week Christmas break is aligned to the holiday patterns of the other family schools in Nova Education Trust, apart from those in Leicestershire.

Christmas Concert

An enormous thanks to all who attended and/or supported the recent Christmas Concert at Toot Hill. It was a sensational event that our students put their heart and souls into. I would advise anyone to buy their tickets early for next year's concert as I am sure they will sell fast. Special thanks go to Mr Seymour for organising such a magical show.

School Opening Time

Please note that students should arrive at school between 8:10 and 8.25 am. We have seen a recent increase in the number of students arriving to school before this time, and in some cases before 8 am. We provide this range of arrival times as this is when we can adequately supervise your children on our large school site.

January INSET Day Reminder

Please note that Monday 6th January is a full INSET day for staff and so school starts for all students on Tuesday 7th January. This will be the last full INSET day of the academic year.

School Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with regards to school attendance for your child/children. It is our aim that 'everyone attends every school day'. High school attendance is strongly linked to student wellbeing and success at school. The winter months inevitably sees a rise in colds, but we recommend that students do come into school if they are well enough to work, for example, if they have the 'sniffles'.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thanks to all the students, parents, carers and staff that contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar. The PE department led this now annual drive to collect much appreciated goods for a foodbank in The Meadows in Nottingham. Our collective effort broke all previous Toot Hill records, with an astonishing 759 kg of goods being donated.



School Uniform

Thank you for your support this term as we have seen a large improvement in the standard of uniform being worn. We have, however, seen a recent increase in the number of earrings and nose piercings being worn by students. These are not permitted in school and are confiscated and placed in the school safe if seen worn. Parents and carers then have to collect them from school. Any support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely Christmas with your family and friends. I am so proud of our strong connections with our student families. You play an enormous role in ensuring Toot Hill is a special place.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Eardley', written in a cursive style.

Dr C Eardley
Head Teacher