

Friday 25th July 2025

Letter from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We arrive at the end of a long but successful half-term and a brilliant year at Toot Hill. I am so proud of all our students for the way they have conducted themselves throughout this academic year. They exemplify our core values of belonging, excellence and opportunity every single day.

Bus Pass Applications

If your child uses a bus to get to school, please ensure you have arrangements in place for September. All necessary information and links can be found using this link:

[School Bus Information Link](#)

A Reminder of the Phased Start to 2025-26

To support a great start for the new Year 7 students and Year 11 in such an important year for them, only these year groups will be in school on Monday 1st September. All other year groups, including Years 12 and 13, will start on Tuesday 2nd September.

Nut-free School

We are proud to be a nut-free school to protect both students and staff. We have seen a recent increase in the food containing nuts being brought into school by students. Please can I ask for your vigilance in this matter as the most serious risk to allergic children and staff comes from nuts, which can cause severe, life-threatening 'anaphylactic' reactions within seconds.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Hummus or houmous as it contains tahini which is made from sesame
- Pesto which contains nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Pastries covered in almonds – for example almond croissants
- Any home-cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

What types of food are nuts?

- Almonds
- Cashew nuts
- Hazelnuts
- Pistachios
- Walnuts
- Brazil nuts
- Nut oils
- Peanuts

Finally, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support over the past year. By working as a team, we ensure our students enjoyed success and happiness at our school. I wish you a lovely summer break with your family.

Yours sincerely

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

Dr C Eardley
Head Teacher