



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Commencing: 7 November 2016

## KEY MESSAGES

- Questions for the Parents Forum at 7pm on 22 November are invited. Please email [school.office@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:school.office@toothillschool.co.uk).
- Please be aware that to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 18 November, we are inviting students to come to school wearing spots. We are asking for a £1 donation for this non school uniform day which is to be paid before Friday 18 November.
- Reminder: school starts at 8.25am
- Back copies of Weekly Bulletins are available on our website
- **Paperless Reports:** We are now using a paperless reporting system at Toot Hill School. You will receive an acknowledgment letter at the appropriate times during the year informing you that an electronic copy of your child's report can be downloaded using INSIGHT. If you would still like to receive paper copies of reports you should tick the appropriate box on the acknowledgement letter.

## YEAR 7

Year 7 have been considering some big questions in lessons this week: in Philosophy and Ethics they have considered whether everything has a cause and in Science they are honing their enquiry skills by investigating the Earth. Students have been observed approaching these complex ideas with great maturity and positivity. Well done!

This half term 'caring' is our active tutoring theme and we have been overwhelmed by the number of shoeboxes full of gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your generous donations.



## YEAR 8

Year 8 students have been involved in a number of sporting enrichment activities this week. It was fantastic to see so many students attend football, rugby, netball and hockey sessions.

The Year 8 tutor sets are organising a charity cake sale at break times in aid of Children in Need. They will also be hosting a number of one minute challenges at lunch times in the competition called 'Have you got a minute?'.

As you are aware from the letter earlier this week, you can now gain access to your child's 8.1 school report by downloading it via Insight.



## YEAR 9

The first academic report of the year has been issued and now pupils are busy preparing for the upcoming assessments at the end of November. Pupils have spent time focusing on revision techniques as part of active tutoring this week.

Looking ahead, the year group will be asked to donate items in preparation for a visit to some local care homes in December. Thank you in advance for your support on this 'caring for the community' initiative.



## YEAR 10

This week in tutor time, students have been remembering the Fallen by writing personal messages in remembrance of those in WW1, WW2 and wars since. On Friday morning, 11 November we served a two minute silence with The Last Post played on the school grounds.

Four of our wonderful students have been nominated for the Nottingham Post Student Awards in two categories: Jack Whitaker (Sporting Achievement); Jack Kellas, Mary Sowter, Sulaiman Raouf (Science & Technology). We wish them all success.

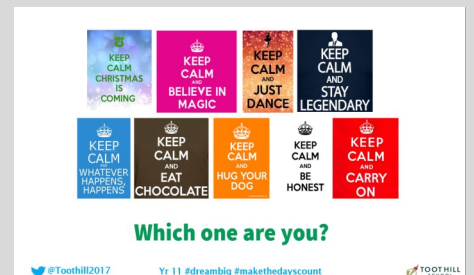
Our first set of reports will be sent home next week so that you can see how your son/daughter has settled into Year 10. Please contact either class teachers, your child's tutor, Miss Ward, Miss Hughes or Mr Wickens if you have any concerns/questions.



## YEAR 11

With the Year 11 assessments starting on Monday, 14 November we want to wish all of Year 11 the very best of luck! Please make sure you have taken time to look through your child's exam timetable and help them to plan their revision, aiming for two hours a night, as well as checking they have everything they need such as their maths equipment and a calculator.

Assembly and tutor time have been focused on pupils taking care of themselves at this important time. We've looked at balancing their study with rest breaks, talking to friends and family and planning positive things to do. As pupils try to 'keep calm' and approach their assessments in a positive frame of mind, we know that some pupils can feel overwhelmed at this time. Tutors and the pastoral team are always available to add any extra support.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** When dropping pupils off to school by car, please can parents not stop or park at the junction of The Banks and the school hill as this is creating hazards to pedestrians and traffic congestion for other road users. Thank you for your cooperation.