



**Our Value for this term is Courage**

**A note from the Head**

So we finish a week in school which very much started on Saturday when I was told by the DfE to close Clownfish Class so they could isolate for 14 days after we had a teacher testing positive for COVID 19. The teacher had caught the virus outside of school and to date the spread of the virus was contained to the Clownfish bubble and not into the wider school. Hopefully this will provide some reassurance that the controls we have put in school have worked. A site inspection by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) was booked in the calendar for this week prior to the bubble closure and I am pleased to report they confirmed we have good controls in school.

I was told by the DfE to close Clownfish class and have been in continual communication with Public Health England (PHE) since. They identified who needed to 'isolate as a precaution' and for how long and then reviewed the situation when a pupil subsequently tested positive. Under Data Protection Law I am not allowed to advise who has tested positive (albeit Mrs Goddard said I was allowed to explain she was the teacher) and they confirmed **the siblings** of anyone isolating as a precaution in this instance should continue to attend school. This is because the siblings have had no close contact with a positive COVID 19 case.

Mrs Goddard has now developed some stronger symptoms and is generally exhausted but is doing OK.

On a more cheerful note the children in school continue to brighten my days with their infectious smiles and sunny dispositions. Nearly all have settled down and are producing some excellent work and making super progress. You should be proud on how resilient they all are.

I also want to use this opportunity to launch an **urgent Appeal for the Men of Wootton Lower School – Do you fancy a challenge? Grow a Mo!**



In the current depressing state of play with regard to COVID 19, everyone's mental health is under attack. To have some fun and raise some money for men's mental health and suicide prevention (an issue very close to my heart) I am inviting the men connected with Wootton Lower School to join my son and I in growing a moustache for Movember. We can share some photos on Facebook and raise some money on behalf of Wootton Lower School. I have set up the donation page below and enclose a link for the 'rules' below. I'm hoping a few of you will join me so I will not be the only one on the school gate donning a mo (albeit yours will probably be covered by a face mask!)

Info: <https://uk.movember.com/get-involved/moustaches>  
Donation link: <https://movember.com/m/14283981?mc=1>

**Key dates for next week:**

Thursday – Individual photos taken on both sites

Friday – Break up for Half Term - returning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### **Baby News !**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Henderson had a baby girl called Eliana on 18th September and they're all doing well !

### **Pocket Toys**

Years 2-4 can bring pocket toys into school to play with at breaktimes. These can include pocket sized soft toys. However, we advise these should be washed or quarantined when they are brought home.

### **Individual Photos**

The school photographer will visit both sites on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and each child will have an individual photograph taken during the school day. This year the children will bring home a PhotoTicket which you can scan to view their photo and then you can order online at [kittleorders.com](http://kittleorders.com). There will be no sibling photos this year.

### **Poppies On Sale**

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November on both sites. There will be a reduced selection and items are sold for either 50p or £1, please could children have the correct change. Thank you. Items will be pre-ordered and quarantined before delivery!!

### **Drop off and Collection**

Can we please remind you that only one adult should drop off and collect, and that collection should be made at the allocated time per the table below. Also, please maintain the 2 metre social distance at all times.

Sealions	3.00
Starfish	3.15
Seahorses	3.00
Jellyfish	3.15
Turtles	3.00
Seals	3.15
Penguins	3.00
Pelicans	3.15
Pufferfish	3.15
Lobsters	3.30
Puffins	3.30
Swordfish	3.15
Porpoises	3.30
Stingrays	3.30
Sharks	3.15
Dolphins	3.30
Clownfish	3.15

### **Celebration Assembly**

In our Assembly each week we celebrate children for a good attitude to learning and for showing the school Values. We celebrated the following children:-

Year 1: Charlie, Maria, Linga, Kayleigh, Benas, Isabelle, Soumya and Luca

Year 2: Amelia, Freddy B, Timothy, Amy Jo, Maya and Victoria

Year 3: Lara, Seth C, William F, William B, Freddie B and Ivy Grace

Year 4: Eloise, Ewan, Jamie and Nakai



This week the winners of SAM, our attendance bear, are:

**Harris Way – Seahorses 99.32%**  
**Bedford Road – Porpoise with 100%**

**Congratulations !**



### **PTFA NEWS**

Thanks to all those who attended our AGM on Tuesday. The committee for 2020/21 is as follows:

Chairs: Iva Woodman and Vickie Gibbons

Treasurer: Sarah Smalley

Secretaries: Sarah Marrows and Hannah Bavington

Donations co-ordinator: Jyothi Mutti

Committee members: Chris Bavington, Audrey Hudson, Miriam Williams, Rav Chandi-Aujla.

For those not able to attend, we will give details of our next meeting ASAP where you can be voted in.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who stepped down from the committee and have given their time.

Last year we had managed to raise around £7,000 for the school before lockdown stopped us in our tracks and this has been spent in a number of places:

- A new sound system at Bedford Road
- New reading books
- Outside learning areas for Harris Way
- Planners
- Year 4 leavers T-shirts
- Thermometers for both sites
- Book bags for new starters

We have discussed lots of exciting fundraising ideas for this year; watch this space for more information.

If you would like to join our next meeting, it will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 4th November at 19.30. Details to follow.

You can contact us on Instagram and Facebook or by email on [woottonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:woottonptfa@gmail.com)

### **Electronic Newsletter**

Our school newsletter is emailed out each Friday and is also available on the school website.

To sign up to receive an emailed copy please visit:

<http://www.woottonlowerschool.org/newsletter.html>

Paper copies will still be available from the school office on request.