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Dear Parents

This is an incredibly sad day for me and one that I never thought I would encounter in my career. Whilst we will continue to open school to support children of key workers many children will now be at home for a period of time.

I cannot imagine not seeing them every day and hearing about their lives. However, I know they are safer at home in your care.

I do not believe that school will be closed until September (although I cannot claim to have a personal hot line to Boris!) In my mind I am hoping for after Easter but accepting that it may be twelve weeks which takes us to June. We have to stay positive and believe that we will have a summer term in school to regain some normality.

We are providing work for your children. Please do what you can but do not feel pressured to work a full school day unless this supports your circumstances. Anything you can do that keeps things ticking over, especially reading and basic skills will be a support. We will be in touch each week and are working on plans to have a session each week where teachers are available to answer parents' queries. Even games of Scrabble or Monopoly engage the brain!

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received Learner of the Week awards on Monday:

6BH	Olivia Creed	3RB	Bethany Dixon/Violet Millar
6TH	Millie Yarwood	3SC	Bethany Hilder/Isla Martin
5NR	Caleb Sands	2BR	Charlie Sims
5SM	Amelie Maguire	2SJ	Harrison Mason
4LR	Jayden Payne-Munroe	1BI	George Muscroft
4LW	Madison Holden	1RF/GM	William Edwards

KS1 Teddy Bear Fun Run



On Wednesday afternoon, pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 took part in a Teddy Bear Fun Run around the school field. Some pupils and teddies decided to make the event a race and others jogged at a slower pace. All were cheered on by a group of Y6 pupils who helped run the event.

Sports

Cross Country – last Friday 34 pupils travelled to Carver Barracks, Wimbish to represent the school in the Uttlesford Cross Country Finals. All pupils need to be congratulated on their effort and results. A few pupils that did particularly well and deserve a special mention are:

Jacob Haughey 2nd

Mac Herd 3rd

Edie Pittuck 4th

Sam Pittuck 5th

Albie Hamilton 6th

Ethan Haughey 10th

Alex Ivanes 12th

Harry Pittuck 16th

Jacob, Mac, Edie, Sam and our Y4 Boys team (Sam, Albie, Ethan, Adam, Carlyle and Elliot) are due to represent Uttlesford in the Essex finals at Hadleigh Park. Fantastic result everyone, well done!

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths