



SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers

As you all know, we are a school that does our very best to show how we care, support and help in many different forms and through a variety of approaches. One of those ways is by supporting families, both near and far. Today, I want to share a story with you of a friend of mine, Tom and his partner Dawn.

After what has been a very challenging year for all of us, a good friend of mine and his partner very sadly lost their daughter - Daisy Flo - only 10 days after she was born to meningitis. Daisy Flo was born healthy and well and was Tom and Dawn's first child. She came home after two days of being born at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital.

Sadly, after around 8 days Daisy fell poorly and was taken back into hospital. It was only one further day when she was blue-lighted to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), where she spent two days in the very best of care before she very sadly passed away on 12th February 2021.

Tom, his brother Jake and their two cousins are running a Half Marathon on 8th May to raise as much money as they can for GOSH. More can be read about Tom, Dawn and Daisy here on the Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-butterfield>.

They have already raised a staggering amount of money and as a school community I thought it would be nice to show our support to a local family and help raise further funds for the truly remarkable team at GOSH. Both Tom and Dawn have constantly stated how well they were supported and that the level of care and compassion given to Daisy, and them, was truly immeasurable.

Let's see if the wonderful Sauncey Wood community can help further. Please do donate if you can.

Tom told me just the other night, and as he repeated on BBC Three Counties Radio on Monday evening, about how both Dawn and him are doing, I felt it right share. The message was clear and simple **"We take each day as it comes. We try to embrace the awful moments as well as the good ones. Bottling it up does not work. We miss her just as much today as we did the first day but we are learning to grow and become the new us."**

Thank you, as ever, for your support.

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