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Dear Friends,

As we edge towards the end of an unprecedented academic year, it seems a fitting time to reflect on our outreach and partnerships activity during the pandemic. The extraordinary efforts of the Leighton Park community during lockdown has taken many guises. From volunteering on the extraordinary face shields partnership hub in DT through to the weekly LP Donate stream, the generosity of families, staff and OLS has been truly staggering.

Each week through LP@Home we have called for donations in order to help the most vulnerable in our community. We have worked in partnership with state schools such as Foundry College PRU, delivered to food banks organised by Whitley Community Development Association and delivered hygiene products to Launchpad Reading for the homeless. Most recently we have supported Red Balloon for Severely Traumatized Children with donations of textbooks, kitchen utensils and a sewing machine! ABC Reading have benefited from board games and books for their early readers and AGE UK Reading have been given care packages for their clients as well as support with protective equipment for their foot care service.

Let us not forget the incredible efforts of our brilliant students who have; made face masks and extenders, knitted hearts, created beautiful works of art promoting hope, written LP Easter cards to their neighbours, created music podcasts for care homes, Run for Heroes and so much more. If anything, it has been a time to galvanise our commitment to Stripes in Action. Together we have championed integrity, peace and equality through our support of local and national charities, fundraising campaigns and acts of kindness. It has been truly wonderful to see our boarding community embody these values all over the world as they have shared their efforts in their home countries.

However far flung the community may have been during these times, the ties and unique bond of Leighton Park has been strengthened - making our reunion next term all the sweeter.

Thank you for everything you have given.

In friendship,

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