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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and had a good weekend under lockdown. Whilst most events and shops are closed, I hope you all managed to enjoy the beautiful weather and countryside. I just want to update you on a few matters:-

Children in Need – Together we can change lives

On Friday, BBC Children in Need is back for its 40th Birthday. Each year we ask our Year 5 and Year 6 to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills as we host our Upper Key Stage Fair. This year, for obvious reasons, we cannot do this (we hope to do something similar in the Summer Term), so we would like to invite all pupils and staff to join us in a mufti event. To donate to this very worthy cause please log in to your ParentPay account where there is a link to make a donation.

Stay Safe

Thank you to everyone for the kind feedback from last week's letter and the changes since lockdown. According to government figures released at the end of last week, Olney was the most affected area in Milton Keynes in the last seven days. Bearing this in mind I write this as a reminder to us all about the need to follow all the guidance and do all we can to keep safe. Since September, we have had flexible opening from 8:20 to 8:45, the purpose of the staggered start being to avoid congestion on the playground at the beginning of the day. Can I also remind you that if you do come onto the playground or on the school site, please wear a face covering and maintain social distancing at all times. Attached below is a reminder of the process should you or a member of your family start to show symptoms.

As I am sure you are aware we have to keep the building well ventilated and with that in mind it can be a bit chilly, so can I suggest that the children wear an extra layer or two!

Finally, a reminder about mobile phones, as stated in previous letters, children should not be bringing phones into school.



And Finally

As mentioned earlier, thank you ever so much for your support. These are certainly interesting times and together I am sure we will continue to do all we can for the pupils, staff and community.

Best Wishes,

Glenn Young

A note from Linda McCabe Smith

I would like to thank everyone who made a donation for this year's Food Drive.

Due to the current climate, I felt donations may not have been as generous as last year, however true to the community spirit of Olney, and the surrounding villagers we have managed to exceed all expectations, with very large donations being gratefully received by Olney is Kind, and MK Food Bank.

Donations have been received from students, parents, family and friends, and on several occasions I have been approached by members of the community who do not have children in the school, but are still wanting to make donations.

Thank you also to C.T Wilson and Son Ltd of Olney for their large contribution.

I feel very fortunate to be part of such a CARING community.

Linda McCabe-Smith.

