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Dear Ms Swaine and the pupils of Years 8 and 9,

We would like to take this opportunity to praise to all the students who actively organised and carried out a successful Charity Week last November in aid of Babies in Buscot Support. We were delighted to be presented with the items gathered together by students and the fundraising proceeds of £498.84 just before Christmas, and so impressed to hear about how independent the students were in their charity research, organisation and drive to make the week such a success.

All the items donated were well appreciated by Buscot families - some of the items donated were given to families on the ward, and where appropriate, others were given to members of our Family Support Group which is run by BIBS to offer peer support for families whose babies have been discharged from Buscot Ward.

Babies in Buscot Support (BIBS) raise funds to give sick and premature new-borns at the Royal Berkshire Hospital the best possible start in life. Our work focuses in four main areas of activity, which we call keeping Buscot families "SAFE":

**Support** – providing families with independent emotional support while their baby is on Buscot, and beyond.

**Awareness** - we help inform parents about what to expect from a stay on Buscot by providing written information and we raise awareness of issues related to prematurity or sickness at birth.

**Facilities** - we refurbish facilities and accommodation on the ward to provide a more homely environment.

**Equipment** - We fund state of the art equipment for the ward including incubators, cardiac monitors, ventilators, phototherapy units and much more.

Our charity is run by parents that have had a baby spend time on Buscot Ward. That is why we care so deeply, and want to make the experience for all babies admitted to Buscot Ward and their families the best it can possibly be. Thank you for choosing to support us and helping us in our mission to 'Save Tiny Lives'. I have enclosed a Certificate of Fundraising which we thought you might wish to display to showcase their achievement. Thank you once again for giving the students an opportunity to support local charities in their community.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Critchley  
Chief Executive  
Babies in Buscot Support (BIBS)