



**VIRTUALLY ALL LOCAL  
SCHOOLS HAVE AT LEAST  
ONE BUSCOTBABY**

# BIBS AND SCHOOLS

## Why support BIBS?

On average one in ten babies born at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading need to spend time on Buscot Ward. This equates to roughly 600 local babies a year spending anything from between a few hours or a number of months being cared for on the unit. This means that most schools in the area have at least one pupil who may not have had the easiest of starts to life.

## WHAT IS BABIES IN BUSCOT SUPPORT?

Babies in Buscot Support (Or BIBS) are a registered charity which supports Buscot Ward, the neonatal and special care baby unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading.

We raise funds to buy the latest equipment and developmental care aids to help local premature and sick babies the best chance in life. We also help with refurbishments, post natal support and manage facilities for parents and their families to use during their baby's stay on the unit.



As a result of this a number of local schools and nurseries have

chosen to support BIBS as a local charity partner to aid our fundraising efforts over the years. Families that have had a sick or premature baby never forget the time spent in hospital and often go that extra yard to support schools when they are working with us.

Children tend to love learning all about premature babies and the work of Buscot Ward. It gives them an insight into how maybe a friend began their

life and gives them a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment to know that all of their hard work and effort will be going to help poorly and tiny babies get better. We hope that this introduction to BIBS and what we do will encourage you to offer your schools support.



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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

There are many fun filled activities that you can organise to help BIBS and Buscot Ward, here are a few ideas that have been used in the past.

## Summer term

- Organise a fun run or mini marathon
- Hold a charity day, summer fete or fun day
- Hold a car wash day
- School carnival
- Sports tournament or mini olympics
- Sponsored bike ride or walk
- It's a knockout tournament for teachers
- sponsored swim



We're not just about equipment for babies. We also try to bring a sense of normality to parents of what it would be like if they were at home on special occasions with their baby. We always look to produce cards and presents for Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and if they've been behaving, Santa brings stockings in for the babies that are spending Christmas on Buscot Ward.

## All year activities

- Non uniform day
- Cake sale
- Talent contest
- Sponsored dare or challenge for a teacher (Hair cut, leg wax, shave etc)
- Organise a charity concert or show
- Arrange a raffle
- Run a quiz night
- Loud tie day
- Sponsored silence
- PTA coffee and cake morning
- Readathon
- Fancy dress day
- School play
- Dress back to front day
- Spelling competition
- No homework weekend
- Chocolate ban!



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# CASE STUDIES

## Birch Copse Primary School

Birch Copse Primary School raised over £3,000 for BIBS by holding a mini marathon in the Spring of 2014 during the build up to the Reading Half Marathon.

The children donated sponsorship money received for taking part and also a number of teachers took part in the half marathon itself, helping to raise this amazing amount of money.

Everybody had a fantastic time and upon meeting a group of pupils for a press photo, it became apparent that they were rightfully very proud of their fundraising efforts and had taken a keen interest in what Buscot Ward does to help small and sick babies.



## Redlands Primary School

Redlands Primary School pupils had been taking part in a series of university style degree courses such as office skills, horticulture and model design.

To celebrate finishing the courses they held a graduation exhibition of their work for parents and guests, with pupils from the hospitality and catering course providing breakfast!

They obviously thoroughly enjoyed themselves and as a number of parents and pupils have benefited from Buscot Ward and BIBS they decided that funds raised will go towards helping the next generation of local premature and poorly babies.



## English Martyrs Pre-School

Parents, teachers and pupils from English Martyrs Pre-School held a sponsored walk in Prospect Park to help raise money for BIBS' Saving Tiny Lives appeal to fund a new state of the art incubator for Buscot Ward. Great fun was had all around!



## Now get involved!

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