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Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday 19th November it was Children In Need day across the country. We gave the students the opportunity to take part in different activities during period 5 and asked for a donation to the charity for children less fortunate. We will let you know next week how much we managed to raise. It was also lovely to see so many children bringing in cakes for us to sell to raise money.

As always we are putting together Christmas boxes for our most vulnerable students. If you are able to donate any items to these we would receive them with thanks. Staff tend to buy things like toiletries, stationery, small packets of sweets and chocolate bars to add to the boxes. If you have any empty shoe boxes these are also needed. Any items you are donating can be brought to reception and handed to Ms Grant. Thank you to those parents who have already given us goodies already.

Standards

Uniform was looking very good last week thanks to a sterling effort from the whole community. If you are struggling in any way to get your children items of uniform or shoes, please let your child's mentor know. We are always glad to see what support we can give.

Punctuality

Thank you to those parents who supported us in working to improve the punctuality of their children to school. Please remember that students are expected through the school gates at 8.40 a.m. so that they can be at mentor time or assembly for 8.45 a.m.. Those students who were in school on Friday, but failed to turn up to their detention will now be kept back for the next two Fridays for 1 hour each time. Lots of studies show the correlation between attendance and punctuality at school and progress/attainment in external exams. It is also really important that we prepare our children for the expectations that employers will have when they get an apprenticeship or enter the world of work.

Reading

Mrs Michell, our school librarian, has reported to me that lots more children are now borrowing books from the well-stocked library. If you have any books that you might like to donate to supplement our stock we would be most grateful. Additionally, your family might have magazines every week or month. If you do and you would be willing to donate these as well we would be glad to receive them.

How can you help at home?

You are probably aware that research shows reading is a key factor for academic success. But did you know that this could be the reading of fiction or non-fiction? Many students prefer reading non-fiction, such as autobiographies, magazine articles or blog posts.



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Reading isn't confined to the pages of a book. Remember that when your child reads the internet, instructions, recipes etc they are still reading – in fact they're reading purposefully.

Dates for your diaries

Just a reminder about things that are coming up

Thursday 2 nd December	Futures Year 11 parents' evening
Thursday 9 th December	Wykham Park Year 11 parents' evening
Wednesday 15 th December	Campus Year 13 parents' evening

Thursday 16th December School finishes for Christmas at 3.05 p.m. (no early finish)

Extracurricular activities

The Year 8 girls' football team came a brilliant second place in the North Oxfordshire Shield competition on the 16th November.

Here are the team celebrating their runner's up place.



Yours sincerely

Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus