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Dear Ladies

May I start by wishing you all a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and to thank you all for the support I have received over this last year.

Since the last newsletter in September, we have been able to supply nine hospitals with a selection of the clothes and items you have made and I have added the lovely comments we have received from the midwives and staff at the end of this letter.

We have now successfully transferred the bank account from Santander to NatWest so there are no more bank charges to pay and, with your help, we have received £32.49 by Easy Fundraising. We have also received donations from grateful parents of £90. The bank account to date is £1860.32.

I realise that as postal members you do miss out on the daily Facebook messages and emails, I try to keep a note of the useful information and suggestions that are banded about to pass on to you. Generally, things tick along quite nicely, the main question I get asked is 'what does Cuddles need?' Always a tricky one, I don't want to put anybody off and would encourage you to knit whatever you enjoy making. We have plenty of blankets and gowns; but the **cribs** and **tiny teddies and angels** are always popular. We are also a little short of **sleep suits** in varying sizes – not often, but occasionally we do get a request for larger items of clothing so larger sizes of these would be good and **larger Angel pockets**. I would only ask that you keep them in plain and neutral colours and any decorations small and suitable. Other than that, just keep doing what you do best, the testimonies below are proof of how much your handiwork is appreciated.

One point that has been raised recently on Facebook is that some ladies like to make just the bedding for the tiny cribs and some prefer to just make the covers for them. It has been suggested that if you send whatever you prefer to me then I can pair them together. Hope that helps.

I am also aware that some of you may not have access to the new website. I only mention this as there may be different patterns or corrections to older ones that you may be interested in. Do please drop me a line if you would like a printed version of the website pages.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of Cuddles and do keep sending your parcels of lovely items. Staff at the sorting office have been amazed at the number of parcels I collect each week – if only they knew what delights were inside!!!

I have written myself a 'To Do List' – which includes writing newsletters more regularly; I plan to write quarterly as I am very aware that it is important you know all you do is very much appreciated by so many people.

With my thanks & love and very best wishes for 2020.

Ann