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Dear Parents and Carers

Supporting Sal's Shoes on the last day of term

Next week sees the end of the school year. Before the children head off to enjoy their summer holiday, we want them to change another child's life on the way out...

There are 300 million children in the world for whom walking with shoes is a rarity. This makes them extremely vulnerable to infection by parasites, such as hookworm; while injuries to the feet and ankles can lead to ulcers and other conditions which are almost always left untreated. Without shoes, many children are not permitted to attend school.

At the end of the day on the last day of term, we are asking for the children to take their school shoes off and place them on their desk. So those shoes, which are unlikely to be used again because feet grow over the summer or are a little scuffed so will be replaced in time for the new school year, won't just sit in the shoe cupboard getting in the way, but will have a second life. We'd love for your child to take part.

We will give the donated shoes to the charity Sal's Shoes who will re-distribute them to children in need – with many children receiving a pair of shoes for the first time in their lives. Over the last 3 years Sal's Shoes have distributed over 70,000 pairs of children's shoes in 31 countries around the world, including in the UK.

There is no obligation to take part but we would love to support this charity and the work they carry out in finding new feet for pre-loved children's shoes. To find out more about Sal's Shoes you can visit their website www.salsshoes.com or Facebook page www.facebook.com/salsshoes1

The children can bring in another pair of shoes to change into for their journey home; and if you have only recently purchased their school shoes perhaps your child has another pair of outgrown shoes they may wish to bring in and leave behind. The charity collects all sorts of different types of shoes: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, trainers, winter boots and football boots to name but a few.

Thank you for your continued support.

kind regards

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