



## FRIENDS OF BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY

Dear Parent / Carer

In a few weeks, the school will close and children will cheer to mark the end of this academic year. Before the children run for the doors to enjoy their long summer holiday, we would like them to change another child's life on the way out . . .

**We ask that at the end of the day, the day before they break up (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July) , they take their school shoes off and place them on their desk and leave school barefoot (until they meet the person collecting them whom will have another pair of shoes for them to put on)**

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. We will give the donated shoes to children in need across the globe via the wonderful work of the charity, Sal's Shoes. 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.

A whole school leaving barefoot is a powerful message that we want to help those fellow school children who have no choice and leave school barefoot every day. Please help us to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. *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. We understand that you may have just recently bought new school shoes, or intend to pass shoes down to younger siblings. If you have any other pre-loved children's shoes that you wish to donate instead, (or as well as!) these would be welcomed, provided they fit the criteria below.*

To cover the cost of the donated shoes onward journey, we hope to raise at least £1 for each pair of shoes donated. We are planning an 'own shoes' and non uniform day on the last day of term (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July), where children will be allowed to wear non-school uniform to school.

The Friends committee will be in school on the last day of term to collect the £1 donations from the class teachers.

As always, thank you for your support.

The Friends of BVCP

Please see below pictures of other schools that have taken part:



To find out more about Sal's Shoes you can visit their website [www.salsshoes.com](http://www.salsshoes.com) or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/salsshoes1>

**We ask that your Sal's Shoes...**

- Be outgrown but not outworn
- Rubber banded together in pairs
- Have laces if they need them
- Have no holes in soles
- Have had a quick clean
- Be child appropriate regardless of size (no heels please).

