



Sal's Shoes Appeal

Next week 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'd like them to change another child's life on the way out...

We ask that at the end of the **last day of term, the children take their school shoes off, place them neatly on their desk, and **leave school barefoot**.**

We will send the donated shoes to a child in Africa via the wonderful charity Sal's Shoes. Your outgrown shoes which are unlikely to be used again needn't just sit in the shoe cupboard getting in the way, but could have a second life. We'd love for your child to take part.

A whole school leaving barefoot is a powerful message, and we'd love to help other children less fortunate than ours who have no choice but to leave school barefoot every day. There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide and in many countries you can't go to school without shoes.

We would like to stress that there is **no obligation** to take part but we would love to support this charity in finding new feet for our pre-loved shoes. We'll put a link to Sal's Shoes on our website and Facebook page so you can find out more about how they collect and distribute shoes to children who need them.



Notes:

- Children will place their shoes neatly on their desk and walk the short distance to the school playground with bare feet.
 - Children can bring in another pair of shoes to put on after walking to the playground – if they bring spare shoes to school please ensure they are clearly labelled.
 - Alternatively you could bring some spare shoes for them to wear home.
 - If you've recently purchased new school shoes your child may wish to bring in and leave behind another pair of outgrown shoes instead.
 - Please only donate outgrown shoes which have plenty of wear – solid soles with no holes, and laces if the shoes need them.
 - Please consider the child who will benefit from your donated shoes and perhaps give them a little clean the night before, so they're the best gift they could be to that child.
 - We'll pair the shoes with elastic bands and courier them to the Sal's Shoes distribution centre.
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Thank you for supporting this great scheme, with thanks also to the PTFA for funding the courier.