

Dear Parent / Carer,

In a few days, the school will close and before the children enjoy their long summer holiday, we want them to change another child's life on the way out.

We ask that at the end of the last day of term, they take their school shoes off and **place them in collection boxes at the school gates as they leave school barefoot.**

We will give the donated shoes to children in need somewhere around the world via the wonderful work of **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.

And please feel free to **donate other shoes too**, like plimsolls or trainers or any shoes that you feel happy to donate, **even adults shoes.** This is a great opportunity to declutter your cupboards for a worthy cause. There will be **collection boxes** in the entrance the last three days of term: **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

**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. So even if some children will not be leaving their shoes behind, they are welcome to take them off and walk barefoot out of school.

**Please help us to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves.**



There is no obligation to take part and this will only take place with your permission, after your child has met you in the playground after school. 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](http://www.salsshoes.com)

We would like to take this opportunity to **thank Morfeys Removal** for kindly accepting to deliver the donated shoes to Sal's Shoes collection point for the third year running.

**MORFEYS**

Of course the children can bring in another pair of shoes to change into after walking out of school for their journey home; and if you have recently purchased their school shoes perhaps your child has **another pair of outgrown shoes** they may wish to bring in and leave behind?



## Barefoot Assembly – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the PTA will lead an assembly on the work of Sal's Shoes, a charity that sends preloved shoes to children in need around the world. Sal's Shoes have helped over a million children find their feet. 500 pairs of shoes came from Rye Primary!

To mark this wonderful achievement and to encourage the children to reflect on the lives of other children around the world, we invite them to be barefoot for 20 minutes on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If they wish to take part, they will be able to remove their shoes at their desk, walk to assembly and back to class barefoot. They will then be able to put their shoes back on.

If you would like your child/ren to take part, please fill in the slip below.

***Reminder: The PTA will collect preloved shoes on the last three days of term.***

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***Please complete and return to the school office by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.***

Child's name ..... Class .....

I confirm that I am happy for my child to walk barefoot to assembly on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Signed ..... Parent / Carer

Date .....