A Y4/5 pupil led initiative. 06/01/2023

Dear parents and carers,

On Friday, January 20th we will be introducing slippers in school. We have chosen the year 4/5 classes for the trial because we are in year 4/5 so we can watch the improvements and spot the flaws. Remember, this is only a trial, so it may not be a permanent arrangement. To start with, we will only be having slippers on Friday afternoons, but if that works and we cannot spot any flaws, we will start having slippers on more days and for longer amounts of time. After we have finished our trial, we may let other children in the school wear slippers as well.

RULES

1. Shoes with laces must NOT be worn as staff cannot help and it wastes valuable learning time.
2. All slippers/shoes must be NAMED as staff will NOT be taking responsibility for missing shoes/slippers.
3. NO slipper socks. Slippers may protect your feet just as well as shoes, but slipper socks do not.
4. For the trial, we will not be providing any slippers, so if your child does not bring slippers, they will not be provided with any. However, when we have completed the trial, we may have some spare slippers available in school or may be able to do some fund-raising.

REASONS

You may think that this idea is pointless, but we are not just doing this for comfort. We have come across a study [2017] where a primary school in Derby put this idea into action and have been wearing slippers since. Their report states that slippers in class can improve grades, learning behaviour, and sometimes stop bullying – not that we have any of that! We are keen to put this idea into action as soon as possible, but we need to think about health and safety first so please abide by our firm guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Wilman, Lottie Bell, and Ajola Longley [year 4/5]

P.S Please feel free to ask us in the playground if you have any further questions. We will be on the KS1 gate in the morning of the week of the 16th January.