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Dear Parents and Carers.

I am writing to inform you about a wonderful charity appeal that we are supporting this year: the "Shoes for PA Schmidt School" initiative in Maltahohe, Namibia.

As mentioned in my recent student assemblies, I am encouraging students to participate in this meaningful cause by donating shoes. These donations will greatly benefit the students at PA Schmidt School, who are in need of **both children's and adults' shoes so please dig out any spare shoes or trainers from your cupboards which you can spare, from parents, students and their younger siblings.**

Maltahöhe is located in the mid-south of Namibia and has a population of about 6,000. The area faces high unemployment, with only about 500 residents having some kind of paid work. Many parents live away, and the children stay in hostels near their school. There are high levels of poverty, with many children hungry and without shoes and coats.

Many children come to school walking long distances across stony desert terrain in bare feet. Although they are in a hot country, it is cold at night and early morning when they walk, as the desert becomes cold overnight.

We kindly ask that you encourage your child to contribute to this appeal. Additionally, we would be grateful if you, as parents, could also consider donating any shoes in good condition. **The collection baskets are conveniently located at the back of Hewett Hall and your child can drop donations off on their way into school in the morning.**

Your generosity and compassion will make a significant difference in the lives of the students at PA Schmidt School.

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness.

Helen Marriott

Headteacher

