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Dear Parent/Carer

This week I received an email inviting us to participate in a fundraising day on Friday 10th February 2017 to raise funds for the RNLi, the charity that saves lives at sea and in memory of Samuel Plimsoll. Samuel Plimsoll was a Victorian politician who lived in Folkestone and became a hero for his life saving invention.

Pumps, trainers (or plimsolls as they were called, after Samuel Plimsoll because of the white line drawn around the original plimsolls) **can be worn at school on Friday 10th February 2017**, to celebrate his birthday, with a suggested donation of £1 per child. Children should wear school uniform as normal on this day.

The money raised will go to the Littlestone RNLi Lifeboat Station, and help train young people in Lifesaving skills. Donations can be given to your child's class teacher on the day.

I understand this is short notice and that we have other fundraising events planned however as a local event I felt you may like the opportunity for the children to be involved.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Green
Headteacher

put on your
plimsolls



PLIMSOLL
DAY

10 February 2017

Give your school some
Plimsoll power and get
involved with Plimsoll Day.

A fun way to learn local
history and support
the brave work of our
volunteer lifeboat crews.

FAST FACTS

local lifesaver

Samuel Plimsoll was a Victorian politician who lived in Folkestone. He became a hero for his lifesaving invention.

making his mark

Samuel gave his name to the Plimsoll Mark, a load line on the side of ships which shows how deep it sits in the water. Before the mark was used, 500 sailors drowned each year from sinking ships which were dangerously overloaded with cargo.

sailor's friends

Samuel was born in 1824, the same year as the RNLI was founded. He was a big supporter and the RNLI supported his lifesaving work too – enough to name a lifeboat after him.

super shoes

Plimsoll shoes are named after Samuel too. Their high rubber soles are a bit like his load line on ships. They help keep your feet dry in water – up to a certain depth!

RNLI.org



Lifeboats

The money you raise will go to the RNLI,
the charity that saves lives at sea

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), a charity registered in England and Wales (209603) and Scotland (SC037736)