

FOSS Newsletter

November 2018



Thank you to all those who came to the disco before half term - the money raised will help fund the chicks which all the year groups will enjoy watching hatch in the Spring. Money raised from our Christmas activities will go towards further playground improvements (we hope to unveil the first stage of these soon) and towards new IT equipment for the school. Every penny counts and every time you support a FOSS activity it really is making a difference to your child's experience at Swaythling. Thank you!



Do you shop in Co-Op?

We are excited to announce that FOSS has been chosen for the Co-Op local community fund for the next year! This could make a big difference and is a really easy way to fundraise. You also earn cash back for yourself so everyone wins! If you already use a Co-Op membership card, please update your chosen charity to Friends of Swaythling School (you can do this online). If you don't currently have one why not sign up?

You can sign up in store, when you will receive a temporary card, or join on-line (coop.co.uk/register)

For more information, pick up a leaflet in store, from the school office or check out the FOSS notice board which is on the fence to the right of the gate as you leave the playground.

Membership costs £1 but the first 20 parents to let FOSS know that they have signed up for a Co-Op card will get their £1 refunded!

New FOSS Committee

Many thanks to all who came along to our AGM – we now have a new committee which will co-ordinate the activities of FOSS for the coming year. A big thank you to Abi Bradbury who is stepping down this year and to Vicky Leefe who has moved back to China, for all their work on the committee last year. It was great to see so many parents engaged and excited about getting involved – if you'd like to get more involved or couldn't make it to the meeting then please do let us know. You don't need to come to meetings if you're not able to but we would love to keep in touch by email about planned events so people can help whenever and in whatever way, they would like. Feel free to email us at FOSS@swaythlingschool.org or leave us a message at the office.

Your new FOSS Committee:

Sarah Dockree (Chair), Anna Evans (Vice Chair), Isobel Stark (Treasurer), Megan Colmer (Secretary), Becky Lovett, Steph Cooper, Erica Deakin

It's a busy term as we head towards Christmas and we have lots of fun things planned! More details about these events will be sent out nearer the time but we hope this gives you an idea of what's coming up...



Christmas Gift Shop

Following the success of our Mother's Day and Father's Day gift shops earlier in the year, we are excited to be able to offer a Christmas shop! A variety of homemade gifts will be available for your child to purchase Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December during lunchtime. The gifts will cost between 25p and £4. Children will need to bring in the money they wish to spend and will be able to take their gift away with them at the end of the day.

It's Christmas Fair Time!

On Monday 17th December from 3pm we are holding our annual Christmas Fair – there will be homemade gifts for sale, cakes, hot food and drinks, lots of games and activities, tombolas, raffles and hopefully lots of fun! If you would like stall at the fair please let us know – we are asking for £5 per table and a donation for the raffle – email us or leave us a message at the office if you're interested and feel free to let friends and family know too.



Instead of Santa making an appearance at the Christmas Fair this year, children have the opportunity to come and have breakfast with him instead! For just £3 your child can come and enjoy breakfast with Santa on either Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th December from 8am. As well as breakfast, the ticket will include a gift from Santa and there will be activities to keep them busy too. Parents don't need to stay and children who normally attend breakfast club can be catered for to – more details will be sent home nearer the time.

Pre-Christmas Coffee mornings

On Weds 21st and Weds 28th at 9am why not come along to the Annexe (just off the playground) and enjoy a hot drink, mince pie or homemade cake whilst helping us wrap Father Christmas presents, Christmas party pass the parcels and prepare items for the Christmas Gift Shop? Many hands make light work so please do pop along, even if you can only manage a short time. Last year people commented this was a great way to relax, do something to help the school and have fun, all while eating cake!!

We look forward to
meeting you!

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or contact us via
The School Office