

# FOSS Newsletter



Friends of Swaythling School

November 2022

## What is FOSS?

FOSS is you, and every parent, guardian and friend of Swaythling school. When your child joins Swaythling, you automatically become a member of Friends of Swaythling School (FOSS), our school's parent and friends association. We believe every parent and carer has something to offer and that together with the amazing staff, we can make a real contribution to the experiences and opportunities they have while they are at Swaythling.

This year FOSS is funding new playground equipment, the Year 6 end of year trip, Christmas presents for every child, hatching chicks in yR in the spring, and theatre and animal visits into school for all children to enjoy.

FOSS regularly organise a range of events throughout the year to achieve this, including fairs, discos, gift shops, Christmas, Easter and Eid celebrations, cultural food events, dressing up workshops, and cake sales. But we can only do this with your help. Thank you for supporting us to support the school and the children.

## It's all wrapped up – we hope!

Every Christmas all the kids get a book. FOSS wraps the books – that's over 200 books to wrap! If you would like to help out, and have a drink and a chat while doing it, please head over to the [Facebook page for event details](#).

### Upcoming Dates

- 23 Nov: Christmas present wrapping
- 24 Nov: Parent Internet Safety workshop
- 10-30 Nov: bring in your Christmas jumpers
- 22 Nov – 9 Dec: Letters to Santa
- 1 Dec: Christmas Lights Switch on & Fair
- 1-13 Dec: Christmas Shop
- 14 Dec: Christmas Shop deliveries

A festive poster for the Christmas Market and Lights Switch On event. It features a central illustration of a Christmas tree with red and white ornaments, a reindeer, and Santa Claus. The text 'Friends of Swaythling School Presents...' is in blue, followed by 'Christmas Market and Lights Switch On' in large red letters. Below this is a list of activities: Hot Chocolate, Doughnuts, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Jumper Shop, Rainbow Raffle, Gift Shop, Games, and More!. A red box on the right says '1st DECEMBER From 3.15'. At the bottom, it states 'Fair and Santa's Grotto will be from 3.15 onwards. Lights will be switched on from 4pm.'

Friends of Swaythling School Presents...

## Christmas Market and Lights Switch On

- Hot Chocolate
- Doughnuts
- Santa's Grotto
- Christmas Jumper Shop
- Rainbow Raffle
- Gift Shop
- Games & More!

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**1st DECEMBER**  
From 3.15

## Christmas Market & Lights Switch On

The school is switching on the Christmas lights in the playground on Thursday 1st December at 4pm. FOSS will be running a Christmas Fair immediately after school with games, stalls, rainbow raffle and hot chocolate and cakes available. The Christmas Gift Shop will also launch at the fair so you can see off the goodies on offer in person. And there may be a visit from a certain someone who likes to say 'ho, ho, ho'.

The market will use a token system like the summer fair and you will be able to pre-order your tokens to avoid the queues. Watch out for further announcements.

FOSS couldn't run without our wonderful volunteers! If you would like to volunteer your time to set up, help on a stall or packing away please use the link below.

<http://Volunteersignup.org/TLQLQ>

## Re-love your Christmas Jumpers!

Every year in the UK, we buy tonnes of Christmas jumpers and party clothes which get worn a few times and then never worn again. Along with Planet Protectors, we will be running a jumper sale table at the Christmas Lights Switch-On the 1<sup>st</sup> December,

Bring in your old, but still in good condition, seasonal jumpers, Christmas party clothes, Santa hats, reindeer boppers etc. If it sparkles, let us have it! All ages and sizes welcome. Donations can be left at the School Office from now onwards.

It's a great way to declutter, fundraise for the school and support the environment by reusing and recycling

## Parent Internet Safety Workshop

Members of the FOSS committee will be at the Internet Safety Workshop for parents run by the NSPCC and being hosted by the school on Thursday 24th November in the Hall. Doors open at 15.10 and tea/coffee will be available.

The school will be providing an age-appropriate film will be available to watch for KS2 children in one classroom and KS1 and Year R children in another.

You can also join the session virtually (you will need to be able to run MS Teams as an app or in a web browser).

This an important topic and we thoroughly support the school in helping us keep our kids safe. Please sign up via [this google form](#) if you wish to attend.



## FOSS Facebook Page

FOSS has its own Facebook page to make it easier to find what FOSS is up to. We'll be posting about events, how you can help and updates on our fundraising.

To join the group go to:

[www.facebook.com/groups/friendsfswaythingschool/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsfswaythingschool/)

Don't forget the school also has its own Facebook page which has lots of useful info and announcements:

[www.facebook.com/groups/568748569917125](http://www.facebook.com/groups/568748569917125)



## Letter to Santa

From 21<sup>st</sup> November until 9<sup>th</sup> December, children can post their letters to Santa in school. Children in years R, 1 and 2 will receive a form to fill in and if they post it in the letterbox at school, they are guaranteed to get a reply back from Father Christmas. Any children in KS2 who wishes to write a letter can also pick up a form from the school office.



## Christmas Shop

The ever-popular Christmas Shop will be running this year from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 13<sup>th</sup> December. The shop allows children to buy presents for their friends and family, priced between 50p and £3.50.

The shop will launch at the Christmas Fair and orders can be made via a google form (link to follow in a separate message) and payment should be paid via a bank transfer if at all possible.

Orders will be delivered to children on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Any remaining stock will be sold in a pop-up shop at the end of school on 16<sup>th</sup> December (n.b. school closes at lunchtime)

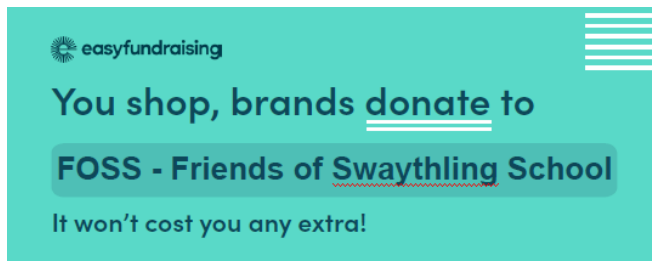
## Photo Consent

A quick reminder that all photos of any children in the FOSS Facebook group or FOSS newsletter have been posted with full parental consent. Please do not repost.



## Do your Christmas shopping and raise money for FOSS at the same time!

It is so easy to raise money for FOSS without spending a penny. If you shop online at all, then you can sign up with Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile and the companies you shop with will donate to FOSS.



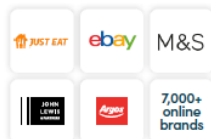
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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/>



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Don't forget to tell your friends and family as well – every penny counts ☺

## Thanks you for your donations

A huge thanks for all parents who sent in items for the rainbow raffle hampers. As you can see, we've now got some great prizes for our Christmas raffle.



## Glow Disco

We held our first disco since October 2019 this month! It was great fun at the glow disco and we hope the kids enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Thanks to our extra volunteers too it's great having new faces in the team :) Check out the [FB post to see more pics](#) from the disco.



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