

FOSS Newsletter

March 2023



Friends of Swaythling School

Welcome to the Spring!

The weather is getting warmer, the daffodils and crocuses are blooming, and FOSS has a few things coming up before next term.

FOSS is run by volunteers, all of whom are parents at the school and we could always do with more help, especially at the summer fair, so if you are interested, please get in touch.

Summer Fair sign-up: <https://volunteersignup.org/CXWD3>

 foss@swaythlingprimary.org

 www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythlingschool

Recently funded activities

So far this term, FOSS has funded the reptile visit, the robot mice that the children have been learning to program with, and the hatching eggs which arrived at the school last week. We wouldn't be able to provide this enrichment activities without your help, so thanks!



2022 Hatching Chicks



Reptile Visit, February 2023

Spring Disco

The FOSS disco is back! FOSS are excited to be holding a Spring Disco on Thursday 30th March and everyone is welcome! Tickets are £2.50 per child – [please use this form to book your tickets](#). All tickets need to be purchased in advance with payment via bank transfer or cash to the school office in named envelope.

Tickets include unlimited squash and a snack for each child. Years 3,4,5&6 may bring in additional money for the tuck shop if they wish to do so.

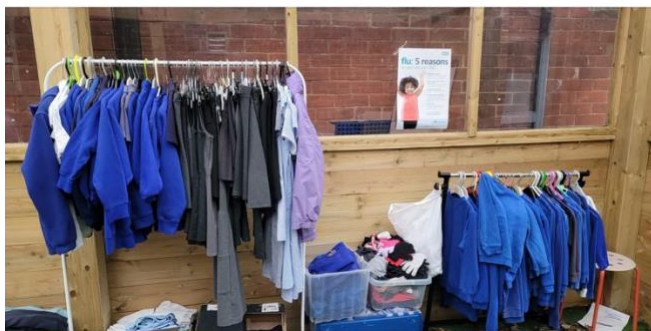


The KS1 disco (YR, Y1 and Y2) will be immediately after school from 3:15-4:15pm. Children will be collected from classrooms and can bring a change of clothes to school if you wish. KS2 disco (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) will run from 4:30-5:30pm and will enter via the Reception wooden annex. All children will exit on to the school playground via the bottom doors of the school hall. Please arrive promptly to allow us a swift and safe swap of children.

If you wish to volunteer to help at either or both discos, please email foss@swaythlingprimary.org to let us know. All help is gratefully appreciated.

Cost of living

We are aware that money can be tight at the moment. We are committed to our events being open to all children. If you cannot afford the full ticket price, please contact the school office in confidence – we will always make spaces available to our Swaythling children.



Pre-loved school uniform

Our pre-loved school uniform is available in the wooden annex by the Year R entrance. Suggested donations are £1 per branded item, 50p for other items. or whatever you can afford. Pay directly to the FOSS bank account, using the QR code on the poster or in cash to the school office/donation boxes.

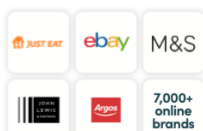
If you have any uniform to donate, please bring it to the School Office.

Raise money for free!

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 the companies you shop with will donate to FOSS. Don't forget to tell your friends and family as well – every penny counts 😊

Easy Fundraising works with over 4000 different businesses, including Just Eat, Argos, M&S, eBay, ASDA, Tesco, Currys, Body Shop, Pets At Home, Booking.com, GoCompare, John Lewis, Boden, Landsend etc etc. There is an app you can download onto your phone or a widget

Search for us on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



for your computer which will pop up every time you visit on a website which is eligible for a donation. Register and get the app/widget at:

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

Unfortunately the Amazon Smile scheme has ended and no longer makes donations to FOSS.

Easter Trail – have fun, get a chocolate and maybe win a hamper!

Over the Easter holidays, between Friday 31st March until Tuesday 18th April, FOSS is running an Easter Trail for you to be able to do with your families and friends. Trail maps can be bought from the school office for 50p from Wednesday 22nd March.

Each completed map returned by Wednesday 19th April, will get a chocolate lolly, so families with more than one child may want to get a map per child 😊

All correct answers will be entered into a draw for the main prize hamper. The trail clues will be on posters at the designated location from Friday 31st March until Tuesday 18th April.

FOSS Easter Trail

How many Easter eggs can you spot on this page?

Name: _____
Year: _____

Complete the trail from the 31st March and fill in all the letters at every location to find your answer.
CLUE: The answer relates to Easter.
Please return your maps to school with your answer by Wednesday 19th April to receive your prize.
All correct answers will be drawn at random to be in with a chance to win the main chocolate hamper.
Please purchase one map per child to be able to receive your chocolate lolly on return of this form.

Letters

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Location Addresses:

1- Swaythling Primary School	7- 43 Woodcote Road
2- 72 Broadlands Road	8- 357 Burgess Road
3- 39 Broadlands Road	9- St Albans Church, Burgess Road
4- 4 Harefield Road	10- Brewed Awakening, Broadlands Road
5- 15 Harefield Road	11- 115 Mayfield Road
6-68 Harefield Road	

The answer is...

Donating to FOSS

FOSS is happy to receive donations in addition to our fundraising events. If you are a taxpayer and would like to donate to FOSS, you can make your money go further using gift aid. Simply fill in the [FOSS Gift Aid Declaration form](#), and we can claim back another 20% from the government on all donations you make.

Facebook

FOSS has its own Facebook page to make it easier to find what FOSS is up to. To join the group go to:

www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/

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

www.facebook.com/groups/568748569917125