

# FOSS Newsletter

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FOSS



Friends of Swaything School

## Welcome to the Summer!

There's a lot to pack in before we get to the summer holidays!

We'll be returning with our weekly Icepop Fridays with lollies for 20p or 50p available in the main playground afterschool. Then there's the Father's Day shop and of course, our big annual summer fair. We're also doing a plant sale for the first time this year and facilitating a clothes swap so your Earthlings, Martians, Saturnians or Jovians can wear their house colours on sports day.

As well as the newsletter, FOSS has its own Facebook page to make it easier to keep up-to-date with what FOSS is doing. To join the group go to:

[www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/)

Don't forget the easiest way to raise money for FOSS without costing you any extra money, is to use the EasyFundraising app. See the next page for more details.



## Icepops returning!

Our popular Friday summertime treats are back from this week. You can get small lollies for 20p or slightly larger lollies for 50p after school in the main playground. Cash preferred but you can also pay via QR code.

### Upcoming Dates

- 9 Jun: Icepops are back!
- 14 Jun: Deadline (5pm) for Father's Day orders
- 16 Jun: Icepops & Father's Day shop after school
- 23 Jun: Icepops & plant sale after school
- 28 Jun: Non-uniform day for summer fair donations
- 7 Jul: Icepops
- 11 Jul: Summer Fair 3.30-5.00pm
- 14 Jul: Icepops

## The Father's Day Gift Shop

### Father's Day Gift Shop

The FOSS Father's Day gift shop is now open! We have a variety of options ranging from 50p to £5.00. The Closing Date for ALL orders is 5pm on Wednesday 14th June and all orders must be paid for before this time. You can order either by the google form link or by the sheet which your child will be bringing home with them.

<https://forms.gle/BFmFQRMQ32yh84wV9>

All orders will be sent home with the children on Thursday 15th June. We will be holding a pop up shop on Friday 16th June in the school playground after school

### Plant Sale

This year we are holding our first plant sale after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the main playground. Come along and pick up some sunflowers, bedding plants or even a small bay tree!



### Clothes swap for Sports Day

Do you have any red, green, blue or yellow t-shirts which your children have grown out of? Could you donate them to our great t-shirt swap? On Sports Day the children compete against each other in their house teams, Earth (blue), Jupiter (yellow), Saturn (green) and Mars (red), to win the House Cup. The school asks the children to wear a top in the colour of their house.

So FOSS are organising a big clothes swap for the house colours before the Sports Days. If you have any red, green, blue or yellow tops that your children have outgrown, please drop them off at the school office. Dates for the swap will be announced soon – look out for a message from the school.



## Summer Fair

The summer fair will be on afterschool on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. There will be refreshments, chocolate tombola, bottles stall, face painting (with tickets this year so you won't need to queue all the time), book stall, games and a raffle. **Confirmed raffle prizes** so far are tickets for Exbury Gardens, Sea City Museum, a Saints Away Shirt, and a picnic hamper with more to come!

## Tokens

As last year, the summer fair will be cashless and you will be able to pre-order tokens for collection on the day. We will also be selling tokens before school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## Non-uniform days

We are holding **non-uniform day on 28<sup>th</sup> June**. To support the summer fair we'd be grateful if KS1 children could bring in chocolate for the tombola and KS2 bring in unopened bottles (drinks, shampoo, sauces, anything as long as it is in a bottle) for the bottle stall.

## Plastic toy amnesty

Between now and the summer fair (11<sup>th</sup> July) we are looking to collect little toys that we can use as prizes on the stalls. We all have various things around the house like party bag fillers, McDonalds toys, bubble pots etc. If you have anything lying around that you no longer want, please put them in the amnesty box at the school reception. This helps us recycle the toys and saves us buying more bits that might otherwise end up in landfill.

## Can you spare an hour or two?

Thank you for all the times you send in donations, buy items for sale or tickets for events. Every bit counts towards purchasing things for the children's time in school. All FOSS events are run by volunteers. We have a very small committee and appreciate any help people can give.

There are lots of ways you can get involved such as spending a couple of hours running a stall at a fair, helping set up or close down an event, volunteering to decorate or pour drinks at a disco, or spending half an hour to help sell lollies after school. Not only is it rewarding, but it also means that all these events can happen.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school office or drop us a line at our email or on our facebook page. You can also **sign up directly to help at the summer fair** using this link:

<https://volunteersignup.org/CXWD3>



## Calling home-bakers!

We want to run a refreshment stall at the summer fair with hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes. Would you be willing to bake cakes and biscuits for us? If so, please email us on [foss@swaythlingprimary.org](mailto:foss@swaythlingprimary.org) or leave a note for us at the School Office.



## FOSS Mini-Shop

The new mini FOSS shop can be found in the school reception with a small selection of items, including gingham scrunchies made from recycled uniform. Everything is £1 and the baskets will be refilled periodically with new items



## Pre-loved Uniform Shop

The pre-loved uniform shop is available every day in the wooden shed by the YR entrance. Take what you need – we suggest a small donation (cash or by bank transfer) if you can.

If you would like to donate clothes for the shop, please leave them at the school office.

We always need more kid-size hangers for the shop, so if you have any you can donate, we would be grateful.

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 our cause. Since FOSS has been part of EasyFundraising, our supporters have raised over £845 for our children, without it costing them a penny extra!

Over 7,000 brands including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S, will send us a free donation when you shop with them at no extra cost you. It's as simple as that! So you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! They also work with insurances so if you are shopping around for your next house, phone or car insurance deal, you can be raising money for FOSS for free!



It is simple to do: just download the app to your phone or your computer every time you visit on a website which is eligible for a donation, a box will pop up asking if you want to activate the donation. Register and get the app by scanning the QR code above or go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/>

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

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