

FOSS Newsletter

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Friends of Swaythling School

November 2023

Can you help with the Fair?

We're hoping to hold the Christmas Fair as an outside event on the grass area in front of the school (weather permitting). We're in need of **Gazebos** and **Ground Protection Mats** to put down on the grass given with the amount of rain we've had. If anyone would be happy to lend either of these items or knows someone who would, please get in touch with [FOSS](mailto:FOSS@SWAYTHLINGPRIMARY.ORG)

We could always do with a few extra hands on the day itself, so if you spare an hour or so, please sign up for our volunteering opportunities:

volunteersignup.org/RAMMM

Non-Uniform Day – Thu 23 November

This Thursday is a non-uniform day in aid of the Christmas Rainbow Raffle. For the Rainbow Raffle, each year group are invited to bring in donations in the following colours (although we are grateful for any and all donations people are able to make):

Year R – Pink Year 4 – Yellow

Year 1 – Purple Year 5 – Orange

Year 2 – Blue Year 6 – Red

Year 3 – Green

Last year donations included sweets, packets of biscuits, snacks, drinks, shampoo, bubble bath, candles and flannels in various colours. The raffle will be held at the Christmas Fair on 1st December after school.



Examples from last year's raffle



Re-love your Christmas stuff!

We will have a festive clothes stall and a Decorations and cards stall at the Christmas Fair. Please donate your unwanted seasonal clothes, Santa hats, reindeer boppers, etc. If it sparkles, let us have it! All ages and sizes welcome. Any old Christmas trees or decorations you no longer use and are simply taking up storage space, bring them in to us, and let's see if they can find a new loving home!

Please leave all donations in the boxes at the School Office. It's a great way to declutter, fundraise for the school and support the environment by reusing and recycling

Upcoming Dates

- 23 Nov Rainbow Raffle Non-uniform Day
- 23 Nov Bring in your Christmas jumpers, seasonal - 30 Nov clothes and decorations
- 1 Dec Christmas Fair & Lights Switch On
- 11 Dec Breakfast with Santa



Friday 1st December, 3.15-4.30pm

The Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On will be straight after school on Friday 1st December on the lawn at the front of school (weather permitting)

- FOSS cafe: hot chocolate, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, homemade cakes, and the return of the popular Marshmallow Snowman (including a new vegetarian version).
- Festive clothing stall
- Christmas decorations and supplies stall
- Book stall
- Elfridges aka Christmas Shop
- Lots of games
- Lights Switch On with carols
- Rainbow Raffle draw



Introducing Elfridges!

This year we are combining our usual Christmas Shop with the Fair and renaming it Elfridges! We will have our usual mixture of pocket money gifts for all the family. Confirmed items so far include Lindt Lindor reindeer, snowmen chocolate bars, bath salts, craft kits, colouring books, Christmas headbands, bracelets, sticker kits, festive candles and much more!

Pre-order your Fair Tokens

We will be using tokens for the fair again so you don't need to hunt around for change. Each token is worth 50p. You will be able to buy tokens in multiples of 50p on the day by card or cash.

Avoid the queues by pre-ordering your tokens and paying for them online. Pre-ordered tokens come in cards of 10, costing £5.00 each. Pre-ordered tokens will be given to your child in class at the end of school just before the fair so you can avoid the queue! Order your tokens at: <https://forms.gle/hrhmHQiRntNhaJV26>

Can't make it to the Fair?

We realise not everyone can make it to our events during the working day so this year we're also running a stall at the local Scouts Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December, 10.30-14.30 at St Alban's Church, Burgess Road, SO16 3BD.

Breakfast with Santa

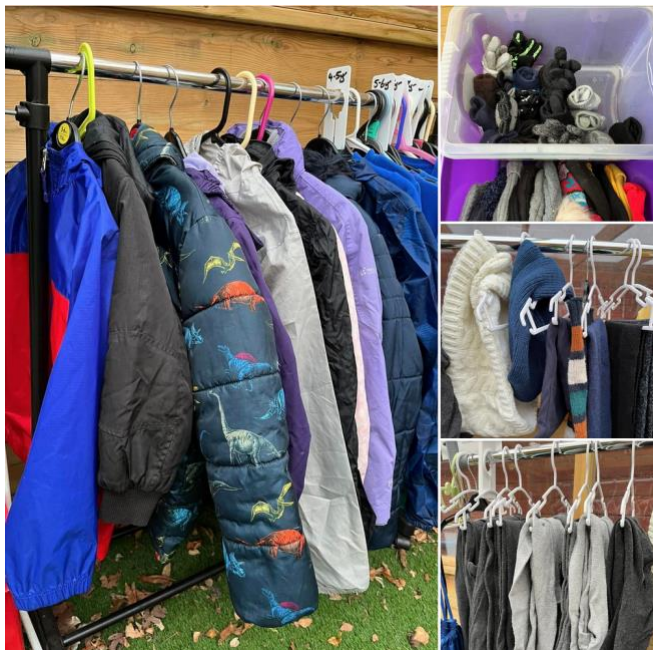
FOSS plans to run our Breakfast with Santa before school in the last week of term. As in previous years, tickets will cost £3 per child which include breakfast, activities, and a gift from Santa. Watch out for more information nearer the time.



Letter to Santa

Towards the end of term, 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 that wishes to write a letter can also pick up a form from the school office. Look out for a text from the school as to when the post box opens.





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 then you can sign up with Easyfundraising and the companies you shop with will donate to FOSS.



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 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/>

If you prefer to use a company's own app on your phone, you can still make sure that FOSS gets some money by saving your order in your basket and then going to the Easyfundraising app and retrieving your basket to pay there.

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

Donate to FOSS directly

If you are in the lucky position to be able to make one-off or regular donations, you can donate directly to FOSS, with Gift Aid, using this form: <https://forms.gle/XpgsTkaohf3jonFQ8>

Registering with us for Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

Thanks you for your support

A huge thanks for all parents and families have supported us so far this year! We are looking forward to the children enjoying the various activities your support means can happen.

Contact us



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www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Kids just keep growing! Kids just keep spilling things down their clothes or climbing or tripping up and making holes! Whether your little one has grown out of their uniform or worn through it, you can pick up good quality, second-hand uniform any time at our Pre-loved Uniform Shop in the wooden chalet at the Year R entrance. As well as uniform items, we have shoes, book and lunch bags, coats, gloves, hats, scarves and woolly tights! **Take what you need, pay what you can afford, using the donation tin or the QR code on the poster.**



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/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