

# FOSS Newsletter

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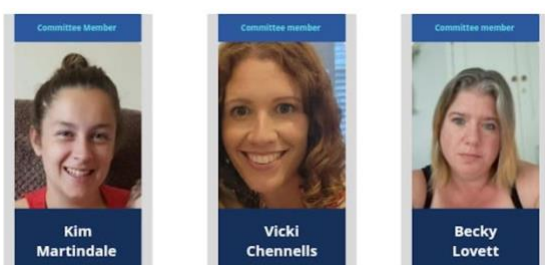
Friends of Swaythling School

## Hello from your new committee!

We're your new committee, elected at the AGM in September. Supported by a lovely team of volunteers, we're busy planning events for the forthcoming school year so look out for newsletters, emails and texts from us!

FOSS also has its own Facebook page to make it easier to keep up-to-date with what FOSS is doing. Join the group at: [www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/)

If you have any questions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you and can be contacted by our email: [foss@swaythlingprimary.org](mailto:foss@swaythlingprimary.org)



### Upcoming Dates

- 20 Oct Doughnut sale after school
- 9 Nov: Glow Disco
- 16 Nov: Committee meeting, The Crown, 7.30pm – all welcome!
- Nov: non-uniform day for raffle donation (date to be confirmed)
- 1 Dec: Christmas Fair & light switch on



## Half-term Doughnut treats

This Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, our ever-popular doughnut sale will be returning! Find us in the main playground after school to pick up a sweet treat:

- Krispy Kreme Original Glazed D'nuts: £1.50 each
- Halloween Sprinkle ring doughnuts: 50p each
- Sugared ring doughnuts: 50p each



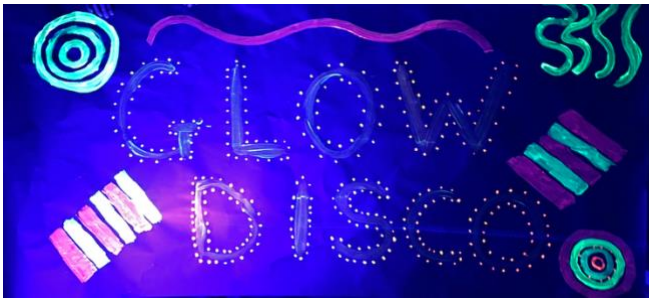
## Calling for pre-loved Christmas jumpers & decorations

If you get a chance to do some decluttering over half-term, we are collecting donations of festive clothes and decorations in good condition. We're also on the look out for unwanted presents as raffle prizes.

The items you donate will be available for others to buy or win at the upcoming fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

By donating you can declutter your unwanted items, help FOSS raise money for the school and keep items out of landfill. A sure-fire way to get on to Father Christmas's nice list!

Please drop off items at the box in Reception between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November.



## Autumn Glow Disco

The FOSS disco is back! FOSS are excited to be holding a Glow Disco on Thursday 9th November and everyone is welcome! Tickets are £2.50 per child – watch for the link being sent through soon.

The KS1 disco (YR, Y1 and Y2) will be immediately after school from 3:10-4:30pm. Children will be provided with a snack and drink on arrival. The KS2 disco (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) will run from 4:30-5:30pm. There will be a tuck shop with items costing between 10p and £1. Drinks and a snack will be provided for free.

This year you can also order a glow pack with wristbands and flashing ring and neon glasses or headband for an extra £2 each.



## 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.

As the weather changes, we will have winter coats and accessories in the shop instead of shorts after half-term.

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.

## Contact us



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## 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.

## Raise money while Christmas shopping!!

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 our cause. Since FOSS has been part of EasyFundraising, our supporters have raised over £879 for our children, without it costing them a penny extra!

Over 7,000 brands including Amazon, Sainsbury's, Tesco's, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S, will send us a donation when you shop with them.



It is simple to do: just download the app to your phone or your computer and every time you visit 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/>

**If you usually shop using a store's app, to ensure FOSS gets the donation, save your basket and then log into the website to pay.**

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



So far this term FOSS has funded the Oliver Twist performance and bought books for every child for Christmas. We couldn't do it without your help so a huge thank you!