

FOSS Newsletter

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Friends of Swaythling School

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Personalised Lego Keyrings

Once again we're teaming up with Fab Bricks to offer reduced price personalised lego keyrings.

If you know any Lego fans these would make a great gift, especially with Christmas coming up, or perfect for personalising school bags or labelling house keys which tend to go missing.

If you would like to order one, please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/Uv1REdsAtVRkLfkZ9>

Last orders are **Friday 29th November**

Guaranteed delivery before Christmas.



Do you shop in Asda?

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

So far you have raised £154.16 buy shopping in Asda. Can we hit £200 by the end of the month?

Upcoming Dates

- 28 Nov Non-uniform day for rainbow raffle
- 29 Nov Last Day for Lego keyring orders
- 30 Nov Last day for Asda's Cashpot for Schools
- 2 Dec Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On
- 10 Dec Glow Disco

Rainbow Raffle

Each year group are invited to bring donations in the following colour (although any donations are of course welcome):

- Year R - Pink Donations
- Year 1 - Purple Donations
- Year 2 - Blue Donations
- Year 3 - Green Donations
- Year 4 - Yellow Donations
- Year 5 - Orange Donations
- Year 6 - Red Donations

Please don't hesitate to email foss@swaythlingprimary.org with any questions, or ask one of the committee members in person.



Non-Uniform Day – Thu 28th Nov.

Thursday 28th November 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):

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| 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, cakes, savoury biscuits, snacks, drinks, toiletries, candles and other goodies in various colours.

The raffle will run during the week of 2nd-6th December.



Examples from the 2022 raffle

Help us to raise free funds as you shop this Christmas

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Friends of Swaythling School for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.



Scan the QR code above, download from the Apple or Google app stores or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/>

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



Re-love your Christmas stuff!

We will have a festive clothes stall and a pre-loved toys 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 toys in good condition that are no longer played with and are simply taking up 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



Christmas

FAIR & LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Monday 2nd December, 3.15-4.45pm

The Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On will be straight after school on Monday 2nd December on the lawn at the front of school (weather permitting)

- FOSS cafe: hot chocolate, homemade cakes, and the and the return of the popular Marshmallow Snowman (including a vegetarian version).
- Santa's grotto
- Festive clothing stall
- Seasonal tattoo transfers
- Pre-loved toys stall
- Book stall
- Elfridges aka Christmas Shop
- Lots of games
- Rainbow Raffle
- Lights Switch On with carols



Can you help with the Fair?

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

<https://volunteersignup.org/R8TFC>

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/PUwsLTDyfsLnLZmt5>

Santa's Grotto & photos

New for this year, we will be running a Santa's Grotto at the fair with a professional photographer to capture the moment. Prices for the Grotto will be:

- Santa & present: 6 tokens (£3)
- Santa, present & digital photo: 10 tokens (£5)
- Santa, present, digital & print photo: 14 tokens (£7)

2024 Elfridges Catalogue

This year we are once again combining our usual Christmas Shop with the Fair. We will have our usual mixture of pocket money gifts for all the family. Confirmed items so far include travel mugs, colouring books, Christmas head boppers, earmuffs, festive tealight holders and much more! Prices start at 1 token (50p) with most items between 2 tokens (£1) and 4 tokens (£2).

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 have two ways you can still be involved even if you can't make the fair:

- Following the success of our online raffle at the summer fair, we are running the rainbow raffle as an **online raffle** throughout the week of the Christmas Fair with the draw taking place on at the end of the week – look out for messages with all the details towards the end of November
- FOSS is also running our Elfridges stall at the local **Scouts Christmas Market on Saturday 7th December, 10.30-14.30** at St Alban's Church, Burgess Road, SO16 3BD



Glow Disco

The FOSS disco is back! FOSS are excited to be holding a Glow Disco on Tuesday 10th December and everyone is welcome! Tickets are £3.00 per child and can be ordered at: <https://forms.gle/oJt7pR2dXnJR3kcX7>

The KS1 disco (YR, Y1 and Y2) will be immediately after school from 3:15-4:15pm. Children will be provided with a snack and drink on arrival. Parents are welcome to attend.

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.

We always could do with extra hands at the disco, so if you'd like to attend with your little one, why not think about volunteering as well? You can see what is available and sign up at

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

As the weather changes, don't forget that you can pick up really good quality winter clothes in our Pre-loved Uniform Shop in the wooden chalet in the bottom carpark. 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.**

Can you spare an hour a week?

Would you like to help run our Pre-loved Uniform Shop? We would love to have some extra help with the pre-loved uniform shop so if you could spare even an hour a week (or even 15 minutes a day at drop-off or pick-up), we would love to hear from you. The shop needs to be sorted regularly so the rails are kept tidy. We also need to wash and sort donations. If you'd be able to help out with any of this, please email foss@swaythlingprimary.org.uk

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.



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



Thanks you for your support

A huge thanks to 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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