

FOSS Newsletter

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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.



Mother's Day Shop

Mother's Day is on Sunday 30th March this year. As usual FOSS will be running a shop with items ranging from 50p for little bags of chocolate bars to £5 for a boxed afternoon tea. We also have pamper packs and pots of daffodils.

The order form will open on Saturday 15th March at 12 noon and close on Friday 21st March for afternoon tea box and Wednesday 26th March for all other items.

Order form: <https://forms.gle/dkZDzd5yLzprqo397>



Chocolate bags



Afternoon tea box



Bath salts



Daffodil pot



Swonka Bars return for Swaythling Book Day!

To coincide with the Swaythling Book Day on Thursday 3rd April, FOSS will once again be selling Swonka chocolate bars. Some of the bars will contain golden tickets for one of the many prizes ranging from Ten Pin Bowling for 4, jigsaws, books, stationary sets, bookmarks, mugs, keyrings and more. Will you find a winning ticket?

Bars will cost £2.50 each and will be available for pre-order. Look out for a text with a link to the order form towards the end of March.

Do you know a local Carpenter?

The school would like create a calm space in the playground. Children can sometimes have high emotions and need some time to reflect, it would be lovely if they could have a space to think and then to rejoin the playground when they are ready. As part of this they have asked FOSS to fund some buddy benches for children that are struggling to join in and play with others.



Where possible FOSS likes to support local businesses, so do you know anyone who would be able to make benches like these? If so, please get in touch with FOSS at foss@swaythlingprimary.org or leave a note for us at the school office.



Pre-loved school uniform

FOSS volunteers have worked hard to keep the pre-loved uniform shop tidy. Our pre-loved school uniform is available in the wooden annex by the Year R entrance.

Why buy from the uniform shop?

- It saves money
- It is more sustainable – by recycling clothing we save it from landfill or incineration
- It raises money for the school – all funds raised go to support our children

Suggested donations are 50p for non-branded items, £1 per branded item and £2 for coats, or whatever you can afford. Pay directly into FOSS bank account (ref: uniform), using the QR code on the poster or in cash to the school office/donation boxes.

If you have any uniform to donate, please place it in the donation bin by the rails.

Pre-loved book shop

Next to our pre-loved uniform shop is our new pre-loved book shop. Books are free but you can donate if you wish.



Do your online shopping and raise money for FOSS at the same time!

Use Easyfundraising to raise money for FOSS without it costing them a penny extra.

Easy Fundraising works with over 4000 different businesses, including Just Eat, Argos, M&S, eBay, ASDA, Tesco, Booking.com and GoCompare. 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. Scan the QR code above, download from the Apple or Google app stores or visit

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/

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



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 directly to FOSS, a registered charity

If you are in the lucky position to be able to make one-off or regular donations to FOSS, you can register your donations using this form:

<https://forms.gle/XpgsTkaohf3jonFQ8>

If you also register for GiftAid, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

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

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