

F.O.S.S Newsletter – Feb 2018

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

We hope you will find it helpful to have some information about forthcoming events.

Firstly, we would like to share the good news that the Christmas Bazaar raised a whopping £1,098.55. A massive thank you to all who came along, spent money, donated or gave their time and generally made it such a lovely festive occasion. We also raised £388.27 from the DVD sales, raffle and refreshments at the Nativity play.

Last week we held our first ever 'adults only' disco at Stratford Social club which raised £75 and gave everyone the chance to let their hair down. We had lots of positive feedback so hopefully this might become a regular feature on the calendar. Thanks to Gareth, for giving his time to cheer people up on a cold January evening.

What we have funded this term...

You may have seen the mobile classroom used by the Life Education Centre in the playground. It pays a visit every year and provides a fun and interactive experience using puppets and models which the children really relate to. Each class attended a session suited to their age and the cost of this was part funded by FOSS.

Coming up next term...

Jumble Sale – Saturday 10th March 3pm

Why not take the opportunity to have a sort during half term?

We can sell these items:

- ✓ Ladies, men's and children's clothing and shoes,
- ✓ Handbags and accessories
- ✓ Bric-a-brac
- ✓ Small household items
- ✓ Crockery, ornaments
- ✓ Curtains and duvet covers
- ✓ Toys and complete games
- ✓ Jigsaw puzzles
- ✓ Books and DVD's

You can leave bags or boxes of jumble in the 'sheep pen' area outside of the school office where they will be collected and stored in a dry area ready for the sale.

After the sale the unsold clothes and shoes are bagged up and collected by a company who pay us for each kilo they take away. The books, household items and bric-a-brac are donated to local charities, so nothing is wasted!

Sometimes we are fortunate enough to be given items that are brand new, collectable, or just too valuable to be sold for 30p. Rest assured that these are sold separately to provide the maximum profit to the FOSS school funds.

Please do not bring any of the items listed here as we are unable to dispose of them if they aren't sold.

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:

- ☹ VHS or audio tapes
- ☹ Electrical items
- ☹ Furniture



Here are some ways you can help;

- Give us your jumble! Why not ask your family, friends and neighbours if they have any unwanted items they can donate?
- Sorting the jumble and setting up the tables after lunch on Friday 9th March. If you can spare the time just turn up at 1:30pm
- On Saturday 10th between 2pm and 5pm to finish setting up, sell the items, serve in the kitchen and clear away afterwards
- Donate a cake, or garden plants, homemade jams and chutneys

The FOSS will be selling hot and cold drinks and cakes from the school kitchen. If you can, please bring small change with you as we often run out.

Community Appeal – Family sponsored walk on Sunday 18th March 11am

This event will be organised by the Stratford-sub-castle community to raise funds for their defibrillator appeal. The sponsored walk will start at the school gates and pupils and their families are encouraged to join in the walk to Old Sarum and picnic there. Further details can be found here:

<http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk/new/news/update-defibrillator-fundraising>

Next FOSS meeting date – Weds 21st March, 7pm in the staff room

Watch this space...

Pop up shops by the school gates will start again in Spring. Let us know if you have an idea for one, or any other fund raising ideas you have or events you would like to see.

Miss Robinson of Woodpecker class will be running the London marathon on 22nd April. She will be seeking sponsorship to raise money for FOSS, go Miss Robinson!! More details to follow next term.

If you would like to get involved with any FOSS activities please contact Sam Vigor, Kerry Fitzsimmons, Trudy Chenery or Isabel Habert. There is no obligation to come to the meetings or help regularly, a few hours when you are able would be just fine.



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Finally, the FOSS would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful parents, teachers, helpers and children who support us at our events.