

FOSS CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

We have exciting times ahead with Christmas events for all the family to enjoy. We can also share the excellent news that the FOSS have received a donation of £500 from Lakeland due to the kind effort of Tracy Rushing, Ava's mum. Thank you so much Tracy, that's a really good start to our fund raising for this year.

'Jolly Jars' and Non-uniform day on Friday 30th November

We have an exciting new idea to try this year! Mrs Bridson has kindly allowed the children to wear non school uniform in exchange for bringing in a 'Jolly Jar'. This is basically an empty jam jar that you fill with something, you can decorate the jar as well if you wish and make it as festive as you like.

Ideas for filling the jam jars include; wrapped sweets, small craft items, pipe cleaners, buttons, colouring pencils, stickers, hair slides and bobbles, marbles or miniature soaps.

Christmas Bazaar - Friday 7th December at 3pm

The school hall will again be filled with a festive collection of stalls selling cakes, seasonal goods, stocking fillers and craft items. Santa Claus will be waiting to see the children in his new grotto and there will be tombola games for adults, boys and girls as well as the legendary chocolate tombola, where every prize is guaranteed to be... chocolate! Mmmm!!

The winning tickets for the 'rainbow raffle' are drawn and the grown-ups can try their luck at winning some 'seasonal drinks'. The FOSS will be selling hot dogs, soft drinks and crisps from the school kitchen. Doors open at 3pm.

Tickets to see Santa cost £2 and will be on early sale from the school office or at the bazaar on the day. To avoid long queues the children will be called in small groups, look out for Santa's helpers who will help this run smoothly. Please bring small change if you can.

Rainbow raffle collection

Butterfly Red
Owl Blue
Woodpecker Green
Fox Gold / yellow
Robin Silver / white

Each class is given a colour and the children are encouraged to bring in donated items to match their colour theme. The contributions from each class are packaged into a bumper sized coloured hamper which is raffled off at the Christmas bazaar. All kinds of things can go into the hampers - big or small and the cost isn't important so please give if you can. We only ask that the items are new, or as good as new. Here are some ideas to get you started; tinned / packet food, drinks, sweets, small gift items, soap, candles, Christmas items etc.

The FOSS would be very grateful for donations of the following items for prizes:

- * Bottles of wine or spirits
- * Chocolate – (any kind, large or small, but lots of it please!)
- * Cakes, biscuits, sweet treats – homemade or bought
- * Prizes for adult, boys and girls tombola stalls, e.g. toys, pens, books, new and packaged toiletries, stationery sets, ornaments, notepads, etc.
- * Unused small toys and novelties for lucky dip prizes, e.g. small stationery, rubbers, sticker packs, bouncy balls

Also... any offers of help to set up, pack up afterward or run stalls on the day, all adult members of the family are most welcome to join in!

We also use the following to decorate the stalls and wrap gifts and would welcome any donations:

- * Christmas wrapping paper (part rolls are fine)
- * Strong string, sticky tape, cable ties, duct tape
- * Christmas themed table cloths and napkins
- * Christmas decorations; (tinsel, baubles etc)
- * Anything Christmas themed

Can you help?...We need empty wine bottles, washed and dried with screw top lids to use in a game during the Christmas Bazaar. Please drop them into the office and we will store them safely.

Nativity Play – Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December at 9am

Come and get your seats early as there will be hot drinks, mince pies and raffle tickets on sale every morning while the children get ready to perform their play. The performance will be recorded and DVD's will be on sale for around £2.50 each. This is a ticket only event so you will need to have arranged this by filling in the reply slips sent out by the school office.

Nearly new school uniform...

We have plenty of pre-used school uniform items ready for sale. If you would like to order any items just fill in a request slip. These can be found along with the price list and payment envelopes on the red box on the table outside the school office.

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, just a few hours as and when you are able is 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. Season's Greetings x