

FOSS Newsletter – Feb 2019

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 £1,175.38. 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. Hopefully you got to see Santa's brand new grotto which was immensely popular with the children.

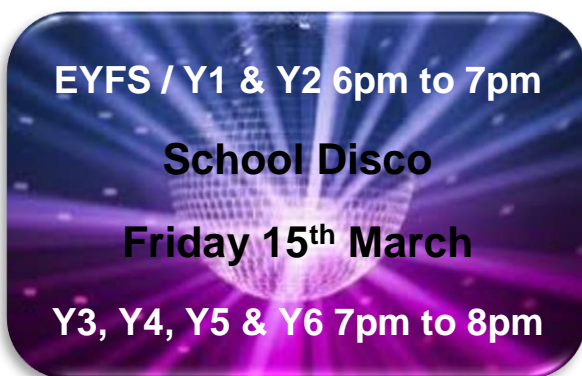
What we have funded this term...

You may have seen the mobile classroom used by the Life Education Centre in the playground on Jan 21st and 22nd. It visits our school 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...

Bingo night – Friday 29th March 7pm entry, 'Eyes down' @ 7:30pm prompt

Tickets cost £10 and include a set of 6 bingo 'books' needed to play each game, a raffle ticket, nibbles and a drink token to exchange for a soft or alcoholic drink. There will be a selection of drinks on sale during the interval along with extra raffle tickets, but there's no obligation to spend any more than the £10 entry fee. It turned out to be a popular event last year, so buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment!



School Disco – Fri 15th March

Tickets will cost £1, to include a soft drink and will be on sale in the school office w/c Monday 10th March. FOSS will be selling soft drinks, crisps and cakes on the night along with a selection of fun glow in the dark items.

We are always grateful for donations of cakes to sell as we don't always have enough and it's really disappointing for the children if we run out. If you are able to provide a cake please bring it with you on the night. No fresh cream please as we are unable to refrigerate it and anything containing nuts must be clearly labelled. We always need helpers on the night to set up, patrol the area, serve in the kitchen and tidy up afterwards. If you would like to offer help please see our contact details at the end of this newsletter. If you can, please bring small change with you as we

often run out. Further details about the times, tickets and access arrangements will be sent out in the weekly letter from the school.

Bag2School – Collection day 21st March

We have again decided not to have a jumble sale this term as it required too many helpers but we know people often have things saved up so we will be happy to collect your unwanted items of clothing to pass onto the Bag2School organisation who pay us an amount for each kilo we collect. Last time we raised £154.40 so please do have a clear out at half term and see if we can raise more £££'s this time.

You can donate items of clothing, accessories, shoes, soft toys and household linen.

****The bags explain what you can and cannot put in them, please read it so we don't get into trouble****

Bag2school donations need to be returned to the school by 20th March please.

We are also hoping to collect items suitable for tombola stalls, lucky dips and raffles for the June Fayre, so please have a rummage and see if you have any unwanted gifts, stocking fillers or party favours that you are willing to pass on. Please put them in a black bag or different bag so it doesn't get mixed up with the Bag2Schools donations.

100 club winners – The draw takes place in Smiley Face Assembly on the second Friday of the month until July 2019. The list of winners will be placed on the FOSS notice board by the Butterfly class coat pegs as soon as possible after the draw.

Next FOSS meeting date – Weds 20th March, 7pm in the staff room

Watch this space...

Tesco Southampton Road and Tesco Metro have Stratford FOSS as one of their nominated charities that will receive a cash donation via the blue token scheme. If you shop at Tesco please pick up a blue token when you pay and put it into the charity collection box inside the shop. The scheme runs until Feb 28th. Why not ask your family, friends and colleagues to put their tokens in our collection box as well. Every little helps...

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.

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