



FOSS Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Welcome to the new year! Although it seems a long time ago we would like to share the good news that the Christmas Bazaar raised a whopping £1247.45. 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 £353.32 from nativity play DVD sales, raffle and refreshments.

We were also fortunate to receive an additional windfall from the Christmas café held in the Reading rooms last December. It was organised by the villagers in Stratford-sub-Castle who hold a series of pop up cafes throughout the summer and a special Christmas themed one in December. Proceeds from each café are donated to a local charity and we were delighted to receive an incredible £1160.50. If you haven't attended a Stratford Café before they are very friendly and offer tasty homemade refreshments along with stalls selling produce and crafts.

What we have funded this term...

Earlier this term years 5 and 6 went on a visit to Salisbury Museum to support their learning about Anglo-Saxons. This trip, as well as those provided for other classes are subsidised by FOSS which we are able to do because of the income we generate through sponsorship, donations and via our fund raising events so do please carry on helping us to fund these extras that the children enjoy so much and get so much benefit from.

Coming up next term...

School Disco – Friday 28th Feb, EYFS/Y1/Y2 Disco 6pm – 7pm, Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 7pm – 8pm

Tickets are £1, including a drink and will be on sale in the school office w/c Tuesday 25th Feb. The FOSS will be selling soft drinks, crisps and cakes on the night along with a selection of glow stick 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. Also, please could you bring small change with you as we often run out, especially at the first session. Further details about the times, tickets and access arrangements will be sent out in the weekly letter from the school.

Bags2School collection

We will be sending out Bags2Schools bags with this newsletter so you can donate any unwanted items of clothing, accessories, shoes, soft toys and household linen to help raise money for the school. The bags explain what you can and cannot put in them and we receive

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an amount of money for each kilogram they collect. Bags need to be returned to the school by Weds 4th March at the absolute latest please.

Bingo Night – Friday March 20th doors open 7pm, ‘eyes down’ @7:30 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 from our licensed bar during the intervals 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! Tickets are available from the school office or on the door.

Class representatives needed...

The success of FOSS events is entirely dependent on the school staff, organizers, helpers and the wonderful parents, carers, children and friends who turn up to support those events.



Being able to communicate about what we do is really important to us and helps our events run more smoothly. We are looking for 1 or 2 parents from each class who will become the contact that all parents can go to for FOSS information. If this is something you would like to be part of then please speak to Sam Vigor for more info. We would ask that those who put themselves forward as representatives are able to come to the meetings so they can voice the ideas and thoughts of the parents.

Does your employer have a matched giving or match funding scheme?

Finally, you may also wish to ask your employer if they are signed up to the ‘Matched Giving’ scheme, also known as ‘Match Funding’ run by the Charities Aid Foundation. If they are it means that any money you raise for FOSS can be topped up by a contribution from your employer. These schemes vary slightly on the details of how they operate but we are very happy to help with the necessary paperwork so you and FOSS can benefit from them.

<https://www.cafonline.org/giving-as-a-company/engaging-employees/matched-giving>

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.

Next FOSS meeting - 11th March 2020 @ 7pm

If you would like to get involved with any FOSS activities please contact Sam Vigor, Isabel Habert, Sarah Heath or Sharlene Lucas. 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.

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