

FOSS Newsletter

Friends of Southwold School • September 2013

Dates for your calendar

24 October 2013

FOSS AGM at 7 pm

7 December 2013

Christmas Fayre from 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

19 December 2013

Carols in the Quad

Watch this space and/or join our Facebook page for details of other exciting events coming your way!

The Giving Machine

We are still getting regular cheques from the Giving Machine so thank you to all those who have signed up and are happily shopping away and earning us lots of money! For those of you who haven't signed up, please have a think about it ... it's easy, costs you nothing. Just log onto:

thegivingmachine.co.uk

and follow the instructions.

Dear Parents

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are settling back into the "school routine".

FOSS would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families at Southwold School. We are very fortunate to have an active Parent Teacher Association (known as FOSS) and although our main purpose is to raise funds to enable our school to purchase additional equipment to enhance our children's learning experience, we also like to have a lot of fun in doing so. Hopefully you will have received the FOSS new parents guide which explains what we do. If you would like more information please visit the FOSS page on the school website. To keep up to date with the latest FOSS news and events you can 'like' us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. If you would like to contact us we can be reached by email on foss0999@yahoo.co.uk or better still speak to a member of the FOSS team. If you are interested in joining FOSS or fancy helping at future events why not come along to our AGM at 7 pm on Thursday, 24 October 2013 in the School Hall we would love to see you!

Summer Fete – 7 July 2013

Once again our Summer Fete was a huge success and we raised a staggering £2666. Many thanks to all who helped out and supported this event.

AGM – 24 October 2013

Our AGM will be taking place at 7 pm on Thursday, 24 October in the School Hall. Our numbers have really dwindled over the past few years and it is becoming more and more difficult to get enough volunteers to help with organising our fundraising events. If we are unable to attract more people to help there is a real risk that FOSS may have to fold. An active Parent Teacher Association brings real benefits and it would be a great shame that, if through lack of volunteers, our school lost this valuable partnership. The school would be unable to provide those resources currently provided by FOSS funds that enhance the learning/school life experience for our children. Please don't let our FOSS fold!

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If you would be interested in joining FOSS and you have the time to attend an evening meeting every 6-8 weeks, would like to help out at the events we lay on, support us in our fundraising initiatives and have a say on how the money is spent, we would love to welcome you on board. It's not all work and we have a lot of fun and laughs along the way!

Emma Hedley and I have been in post as Chair and Vice Chair for the past two years. Our term is due to come to an end at this year's AGM. We are therefore looking to recruit a new Chair and Vice Chair as well as Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, Secretary and General Members. If you think you might be interested in any one of these positions and would like more information, please come and find me in the playground before or after school (I'm normally lurking around the Year 2 and 3 classrooms), email me at foss0999@yahoo.co.uk or message me on Facebook.

Please return the attached form if you are interested in joining the Committee and/or you are planning to attend the AGM.

FOSS really does need you!

Christmas Fayre – Saturday, 7 December 2013

Following the success of our Christmas Fayre last year, we will again be holding this event on a Saturday to enable more families to attend. Should you, a family member or friend be interested in holding a stall, please email foss0999@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Carols in the Quad – Thursday, 19 December 2013

FOSS will again be supporting Carols in the Quad by selling hot refreshments including the ever popular Mulled Wine! Be sure to pay us a visit when attending this festive occasion.

FOSS 100 Club

Congratulations to the following winners of our FOSS 100 Club.

	<u>£40 Prize</u>	<u>£20 Prize</u>	<u>£15 Prize</u>
July Draw	No. 35 – Julie Stocker	No. 8 Eva James	No. 7 Jane Parker
August Draw	No. 24 – Michelle Armstrong	No. 65 Simon Sturt	No. 34 Barbara Long

If you would be like to join the 100 Club and be in with a chance of winning one of these fabulous monthly cash prizes whilst raising vital funds for our school, please email us on foss0999@yahoo.co.uk.

Gina Soanes

Chairperson