

FOSS Newsletter

Friends of Southwold School • September 2014

Dates for your calendar

16 October 2014

FOSS AGM at 7.30 pm

6 December 2014

Christmas Fayre from 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

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 currently 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. In recent years we have bought the school a suite of iPads for the children to use, a digital camera for each class, the tyre park, the friendship bench and once again funded the Year 6 leavers' celebrations. Please visit the FOSS page on the school website for more information.

Details of events and latest FOSS news will be detailed in the regular School Newsletters. You can also 'like' us on Facebook and we can be contacted via email foss0999@yahoo.co.uk.

Summer Fete – 5 July 2014

Once again our Summer Fete was a huge success and despite the damp start, we raised a staggering £2342. Many thanks to all who helped out and supported this event.

AGM – 16 October 2014

Our AGM will be taking place at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 16 October at School.

After 3 years as Chair I will be standing down as will our Treasurer, Petrina Stewart and our Vice Chair/Secretary, Clare Wetton. Regrettably, if no one comes forward to take on the role of Chair or Treasurer we will have no option but to disband the Committee which would be a travesty. An active Parent Teacher Association brings real benefits and it would be a great shame if 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!



I would like to thank Darren Townsend for agreeing to take on the role of Vice Chair and Secretary and Julie Stocker who has agreed to continue in the role of Vice Treasurer. If you think you might be interested in taking on the role of Chair or Treasurer and would like more information, please come and find Petrina or me in the playground after school (we're normally lurking near the doors to the Key Stage 2 cloakrooms). Alternatively you can email us at foss0999@yahoo.co.uk or message us via Facebook.

We also need more General Members and Helpers to ensure we can continue to undertake our fundraising/social events.

If you would be interested in joining FOSS and you have the time to attend an evening meeting every 6-8 weeks and/or 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!

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 – now more than ever!

Christmas Fayre – Saturday, 6 December 2014

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.

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>
June Draw	No. 27 – Sarah Birtles	No. 33 – D.C. Duggan	No. 10 – Sarah Birtles
July Draw	No. 15 – Sian King	No. 52 – Kerry Catling	No. 22 – Mark Stocker
August Draw	No. 34 – Barbara Long	No. 77 – Debbie Barnett	No. 21 – Tracey McMinn

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

