

Friends Of Shincliffe School

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!

FOSS is made up of a group of parents who form the committee. Our aim is to raise money by organising fundraising events throughout the year.

ALL of the money we raise is donated to Shincliffe School who spend it on a variety of items to benefit the children. For example, last term the school purchased musical instruments, playground equipment, new DVDs. This term a new tyre play area will be installed—all of which has been possible because of FOSS.

Of course, we must thank the generosity of parents who attend our events and kindly part with their money!

We are a very open and friendly committee who are always keen to welcome new members. There are representatives for each year group who particularly help at Christmas time to buy and wrap presents for the children. There are also members of the committee who don't have a specific role at all, who are there to offer support and ideas.

If you would like to be a part of this, come along to our meetings and get involved—we'd love to see you!!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 10th October, Fancy Dress Fun Run, 2pm. As well as the fun run, Mrs Lowes will officially open the new tyre play equipment! Come along and be the first to test it out!

Fri 13th Nov: Children's Disco, School Hall
6-7pm Infants, 7.15-8.30 Juniors

Tues 3rd Nov: Planning meeting for Christmas Fair, 8.15pm, The Avenue Pub

Sat 5th Dec: Christmas Fair, 2-4pm, School Hall (special guest - Santa!)

Mon 16th Nov: Dick Whittington Pantomime in School, paid for by FOSS

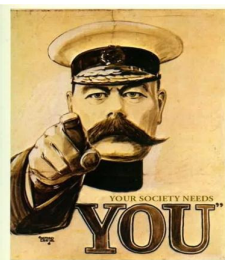
Thurs 26th Nov: Bags 2 school

** Spring Term activities; dates to be confirmed **

Coffee Afternoon

Disco

Easter Competition and Activities



CAN YOU HELP?

... to help make our fundraising successful!!

For the Fun Run on Saturday 10th October, we need donations of cakes - bought or home made - to sell together with hot and cold drinks during the afternoon.

Raffle prizes are also needed for the Christmas fair—it sounds a long way off but it's only about 9 weeks and we all know how quickly the weeks pass!! If you have anything suitable, please pass it onto Christine Warburton.

Parent helpers are ALWAYS needed for all our events, whether it's helping in the kitchen, looking after a stall or helping to clear up at the end of an event. Please let us know if you are willing to help out. T H A N K S !!

Meet a FOSS Committee Member, featuring Philippa Lythgoe
And FOSS does what again? A year in and I am still finding my feet in, for me, the relatively new world of 'school life'. With our son in Year 1 I decided to go along to the FOSS AGM and as I sat listening to the agenda items I started to put names to faces - names that I recognised from the FOSS newsletters and faces... well.... there was the person I recognised from the craft table at the FOSS events and the face painter; the raffle ticket seller; the DISCO juice and crisp people; the coffee and cakes people; the Yellow Moon catalogue co-ordinator and etc. There they were, the same, relatively small group of people who organise the fundraising activities that we, as parents, support and our children enjoy.

Back to the meeting and the decision was taken to continue to pay for the Christmas pantomime at which point I remembered my son talking excitedly about Aladdin last year. Next, it was agreed that FOSS would use some funds to pay for the children's Christmas gift and I remembered the book my son had received last year. On to the Christmas Fayre and memories of my nephews coming along with my children to the Christmas Fayre and how they had loved it, a new date in my children's growing social diaries and we heard just how much funds it had raised too!!! Oh, and what excitement when we attended our first school disco - what a relief when it was agreed to continue with these events....!

I suppose it was at this point that I decided to get more involved with FOSS; to provide some support so that these and other fun events can happen throughout the school year. As a new member of the FOSS team I don't know much about what my commitment will be but I do know that I value what FOSS has provided for our son so far. The committee seemed keen to hear new ideas and views - anything that will raise funds and provide some fun along the way! The atmosphere was warm and friendly and the wine good!!!!

So, now that I have started to get a better appreciation of just what it is that FOSS does I look forward to doing my bit, as much or as little as that may be and I promise to contribute more at the next meeting and stop reminiscing so muchwell maybe.....!

Philippa Lythgoe

FOSS COMMITTEE

Sarah Erlebach, Co-Chair
 Philippa Lythgoe, Co-Chair
 Lynne Morris, Vice-chair
 Christina Rees, Vice-Chair
 James Gowdie, Treasurer
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 Becky Ashby, Y1 Rep
 Sarah McGuiggan, Y2 Rep
 Lynne Morris, Y3 Rep
 Diane Culkin, Y4 Rep
 Ronnie Gilboy, Y5 Rep
 Jane Przyborski, Y6 Rep
 Diane Culkin
 Julie Latham
 Christine Warburton



The Autumn/
 Winter Yellow
 Moon fund
 raising cata-
 logue is now

available. It contains lots of craft activities, party ideas and gifts etc. Please see Yvonne Collingham or call into the school office if you would like to have a copy. The deadline for orders placed through the school is Friday 16th October. Alternatively you can order online at <http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk/> making sure that you quote SSH1165 so that any money raised comes to Shincliffe School.

We are looking for a new person to run the Yellow Moon fundraising catalogue—it isn't an enormous amount of work and it does help the school. Please contact a FOSS committee member if you can help.

GET IN TOUCH.....

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Bag 2 School is a great fundraiser. It gives you the chance to clear out your cupboards and get rid of those unwanted items, and make money for the school! Look out for the blue bags next half term as the next collection is 26th November.

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