

FRIENDS OF SHINCLIFFE SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2007

FOSS AGM

At the Annual General Meeting on the 19th September, a new committee were voted in. Lisa Cunliffe and Christine Warburton will share the position of chair, Sarah Erlebach and Christina Rees will share vice-chair and Kate Bailey will act as secretary. Susan Moncrieff will continue in the role of treasurer. Lisa and Christine passed on the thanks of the new committee to Del Faye and Keely Kaye (retiring chair and secretary) for their hard work over the years of their service.

In addition we have a FOSS representative for each school year group. Those representatives are listed in the FOSS Contacts box. New committee members are always welcome. If you would like to help with FOSS events, you are very welcome too!

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who came to the September coffee afternoon, and to everyone who helped. We raised £190 for FOSS funds.

FOSS - What we are about

The aim of FOSS is to raise funds to help the school pay for items that they might not be able to afford otherwise and to do this by organising fun activities for the children and their families. Last year FOSS bought a large projector for the school hall, and contributed to the pantomime and Year 6 leavers party. FOSS also provides sports day refreshments and Christmas gifts for the children. Mrs Lowes attends the FOSS meetings so that the needs of the school and FOSS activities can be coordinated. This year, FOSS hopes to raise money towards a suite of software called Espresso (see separate article) and updating school PCs. We also hope to provide funds to support arts and creativity as the school hopes to achieve Artsmark status.

The committee is made up solely of volunteers and new committee members are always welcome. Any ideas for fundraising are always gratefully received. Fundraising activities in the lead up to Christmas will include the FOSS Fun Run, Bags 2 School, Christmas Fair, school calendars and the Espresso Club. We will also raise money through charity catalogues including Chocoholics, Yellow Moon crafts, Northbrook gift wrap and School Link books. Some of these are featured separately in this newsletter and details of others will follow. Just so you know what to look for ... FOSS events and notices come home in the children's school bags and are always on green paper.



Christmas Fair

The annual FOSS Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 8th December. A meeting of the FOSS committee will be held in the Avenue pub on Tuesday 16th October at 8 pm to begin organization. Anyone with suggestions for fundraising ideas or who would like to help with the arrangements is welcome to attend the meeting.

Christmas Puddings

Back by popular demand. The Christmas puddings are specially packaged for our school and come highly recommended. Puddings can be ordered at the Christmas Fair or by contacting Lynne Morris, the FOSS Year 1 representative.

FOSS CONTACTS

Kate Bailey, Secretary
Julie Bell
Yvonne Collingham
Lisa Cunliffe, Chair
Sarah Erlebach, Vice-Chair, Year 2 Rep
Claire Fallow, Year 5 Rep
Ronnie Gilboy, Year 3 Rep
Heather Hughes, Year 6 Rep
Emma James
Annette Keelty
Sarah McGuiggan, Reception Rep
Susan Moncrieff, Treasurer
Lynne Morris, Year 1 Rep
Jane Przyborski, Year 4 Rep
Christina Rees, Vice-Chair
Julie Vincent
Christine Warburton, Chair

**don't forget
the FOSS FUN RUN!**

**You don't have to run, just
come along, buy a cake and
a coffee and cheer! 6th October, 2pm,
at school.**

DIARY DATES DIARY DATES DIARY DATE

Saturday 6th October	FOSS FUN RUN School Grounds, 2 pm
Thursday 11th October	Bags 2 School - bags must be received at school by today at 2 pm
Friday 12th October	FOSS Disco School, infants 5.45 - 7.00 pm, juniors 7.15 - 8.30 pm <i>NOTE NEW TIMES</i>
Saturday 8th December	FOSS Christmas Fair School, 10 am

Get in touch ...

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Gift Wrap Sale

Watch out for the Northbrook gift wrap brochure that we are sending home. It may appear expensive but it is very good quality. School will receive 25% cash back on every item sold. In the next couple of months we will all be buying wrapping paper for Christmas. If we all bought just a couple of items we could raise a significant amount of money this way.

Very importantly, Northbrook's gift wrap has been sourced from European sustainable forests that have been accredited by either FSC or PEFC.

Please make sure we receive your order before the half term holiday. You can give orders into school in an envelope marked 'FOSS'.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Shincliffe School calendars feature self-portraits drawn by all the children. They will be available to order in November. Watch this space!

Sarah Erlebach, Vice-Chair, Year 2 rep.

Yellow Moon Catalogue

This popular catalogue offers a wide selection of goods from crafts and games to fillers for party bags etc. To reduce wastage by issuing a catalogue to every family, I have decided to make them available by collection from the school office or from myself at school home time. The Christmas edition will be sent out to all children in reception class as they and their parents may not be familiar with the catalogue. The catalogue can be viewed online at www.yellowmoon.org.uk. If you do order online then please quote the source code

SSH1165 so that Shincliffe School receives the cash-back reward earned on your order. To take advantage of free postage please complete paper orders and return them to the school office or direct to me by 18th October. Thank you.

Yvonne Collingham

Chocoholics

You'll soon be receiving this year's Chocoholics catalogue. Yes, it's that time of year again. If you would like Halloween goods, orders must be received by 17th October and, if possible, please order Christmas goods at the same time. The final deadline for Christmas orders is 25th November. Payments by cheque should be made to K.RUSSELL. Any queries - please contact Trudy 0191 3832004 or Penny 0191 3863543, alternatively we're in the school yard every day. This is a great way to raise funds for the school so feast your eyes on the goodies and enjoy! Thanks.



BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Here is your chance to clear out your cupboards and get rid of those unwanted items. A blue bag will be sent home with your child in the next few days. If you have any clothes, curtains, bedding, towels, shoes or handbags you no longer need, please fill as many bags as you like and return to school no later than 2 pm on Thursday 11th October. For each kilogram we collect, the school will receive 20p. Last year we made £283.00 for our school. Help the school and chuck it out!

Thank you

A collection was made at the end of last term for gifts for Del Faye and Keely Kaye to express the thanks of parents and children for their work for FOSS over the years. Del and Keely would like to pass on their thanks for the gifts. They each received £80 vouchers for Poplar Tree Garden Centre.

FOSS ESPRESSO CLUB

Shincliffe School have subscribed to a software programme called Espresso. The software provides valuable curriculum information and resources for the children and teachers. All children will have access to it. The software costs £6.00 per child, per year and FOSS would like to help towards providing this resource for school. An annual payment of £12 buys a name for the prize draw and each month a name is drawn to receive the prize fund. Half the money raised is used for the monthly prize fund and the remaining half goes directly to funding the software. A separate letter details how to join the Espresso Club. If you would like to know more about Espresso, you can visit www.espresso.co.uk