

# FRIENDS OF SHINCLIFFE SCHOOL

## SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

### Fundraising events and activities

Hard to believe we are nearing the Summer term and even harder to believe that we have our newsletter ready early! We did have some additional motivation though — the start date for the World Cup! You will read about a few fun competitions we have planned and wanted to get them out to you in plenty of time. (apologies to those families who feel that football already gets too much of an airing without FOSS getting in on it but you know..... if it raises funds..and it is for a good cause!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

So, what do we have planned for the summer term?

**The discos** - by the time you read this the 'end of SATS' disco will have taken place, 21st May 2010. You probably noticed the changes we have introduced to the organisation of the discos (signing in / tear off slips etc.) to ensure that we take the appropriate precautions for the children's safety at the event. Please read the article on risk assessments in this newsletter and let us have your views / ideas . We have raised the disco entry price by 50p per child in line with the DJ's price increases.



We have booked the **family disco** for **25th June 2010**. The theme this year will be the 1980's, with music of this period and fancy dress optional— given the 'leggings revival' it seemed appropriate!!!!!!

The time will be 6:30pm to 8:00pm, hopefully to allow for people who commute to make it back home in time to attend!! It will be a ticketed event and numbers will be limited. A family ticket will cost £8:00.and you bring your own refreshments.

For the **Summer party the Climbing Wall** has been booked. The date is **Saturday 17th July 2010**. We will be notifying you nearer the event of timings and bookings etc., however for information the Wall will be at the school from 10:00 to 16:00 and we aim to take bookings for the whole of that period.



We will be having a **summer party planning meeting on Tuesday 15th June**. Please if you are interested take a note of the date—we would love to have your ideas or your attendance at the meeting. Meetings take place in the Avenue pub at 8pm.

Our thinking for the summer party is to make a whole day of it!!! In addition to the wall, we are planning a tabletop sale in the morning, picnics / refreshments across lunchtime (if people so wish) and games activities in the afternoon.

So, if you would like to have a table at the sale please get the date in your diary. Our plan is to charge a fee (maybe £10) for the 'hire' of the table. If you have any ideas about games we can play or could volunteer your time or equipment please get in touch. The type of games we are thinking about are possibly an obstacle course; baseball; beat the goalie; tag rugby; netball shooting etc. and, of course, activities for pre-school children. Comments are, as ever, much appreciated.

**FOSS Committee**



# FOSS FUNDS UPDATE



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.

We believe that it is important that you continue to get to hear about how much money we have raised from our activities—that you have very kindly donated—and of course what we then do with that money in line with the overall aims of FOSS. The bank balance as at **30th April 2010 is £1516.24**. The donations detailed below have been accounted for within the balance. The donations benefit the whole school

## Fundraising activities 2010

Bags2School— February 2010	£44
School Disco—5th March 2010	£203.33
Easter Event—30th March 2010	£361.20

## Donations so far in 2010

Freddy Fit	£420
The Skipping Man	£250
M&M theatre play 'Tom's Midnight Garden'	£500
Donation towards school trips for each class	£700

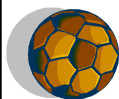
Thank you for your continued generosity. It was minuted at our recent FOSS meeting **how grateful the school is for your donations and the fact that it allows for whole school activities that benefit all the children.**

If you would like to see a copy of the minutes from the last FOSS meeting please go to the **FOSS website.**

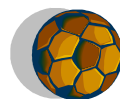
**[http:// www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk](http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk)**. If you would like to see the accounts please contact a member of the FOSS committee.

## World Cup Competition

The World Cup starts on the 11th June 2010 and we thought that you might like to join in a little bit of World Cup fun. Don't worry if you don't like football— 2 of the competitions don't really require much football knowledge at all—it's more pot luck. Proceeds from the competitions go to FOSS.



**World Cup 2010 FOSS Dream Team**—attached to this newsletter is the FOSS Dream Team competition. Choose the team of your dreams from the attached list and the person /people who get the closest to the team chosen by our independent footie fan (Mr. Lowes) will win a

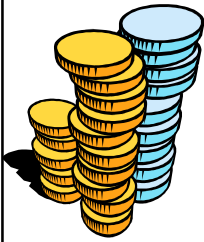


World Cup prize. It is £1 a go and you can have as many entries as you like. For more forms go to the FOSS website **<http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk>**. or photocopy the form . **Good luck**. The winner will be announced prior to the commencement of the World Cup as this is not a competition based on the players performance during the tournament. Entries to school by Friday 28th May 2010. A fantastic World Cup goodie bag to be won!

**FOSS World Cup design competition** —design your own football shirt, be as creative as you like! 50p an entry and the winner will be announced in school, receive a prize and have their design displayed in school. Entries to school by Monday 7th June please.

**World Cup 2010 Quiz**— this will be available after half-term. This quiz requires predictions based on the actual World Cup. Be a football pundit and have a go for £1 with a chance to win a go on the climbing wall at the summer party. The quiz will come out on the 7th June with a return date of 11th June. The winner will be announced after the World Cup has finished.

# MORE FOSS NEWS



## FOSS web site

Do you ever order things from AMAZON? If so then you can earn FOSS 5% commission of everything you buy if you go to the Amazon website by following the Amazon link on the FOSS home page. Just add the FOSS website (<http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk>) to your bookmarks on your web browser and remember to use this route to access the Amazon website before you buy anything. It won't cost you a penny, but it could potentially be a nice little money raiser for FOSS.

## Risk Assessment

FOSS events are classified as 'school organised routine public events' in the 'School Health and Safety Guidance—Public Event Safety' document and as such FOSS needs to comply with recognised safety standards.



**So what does this mean for us?** This means that since September we have been completing a risk assessment for all of our FOSS events. This has proved to be a very positive process and has helped us to clarify our responsibilities at each event. Of course, most of our events require parents / carers to supervise their children however even at these events we have been able to identify improvements in what we do. An example is ensuring that key volunteers are identified for key positions and understand the Health and Safety requirements for an activity and the school procedures. (looking for trip hazards, ensuring exits are clear, watching for safety risks, knowing what to do in the event of an evacuation and who they are responsible for etc.)

The only event the children may attend without their parent or carer is the school disco. At the last disco we trialed a signing in process which worked for the infant disco but was more hit and miss with the junior disco as our older children, understandably, would leave parents at the school gates. Hence, you will have noticed that we are trialing the tear-off slip for the junior disco in May. Hopefully this will be more successful in providing us with a 'roll-call' list. We have also identified the need for a minimum of 5 'named' adult volunteers for each disco to ensure that we have an appropriate child / adult ratio. Expect more requests for help!! Without the appropriate ratio we will have to cancel events.

**A huge thank you to the parents who helped at the last disco, the infant and junior, those who had volunteered before hand and those who stood in to help.**

Comments and views would be appreciated on this subject please.

**Yellow Moon** [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk)

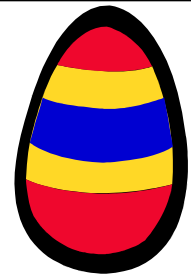
**Just a reminder—if you buy items from Yellow Moon, either using the catalogue or online—please help us to raise funds by using the school sourcecode. **SSH1165****



**DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO:**  
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# EASTER EVENT



## Paste and paper egg competitions

The Easter Event was great fun, thank you to those who came along. Once again the entries to the 'paste' Egg competition were absolutely fantastic and everyone deserved to be a winner. New this year was the 'paper' egg decorating competition and the exhibits were truly superb—again all deserving to be winners. However, we did ask one of our school governors, Mrs. Hopps, to choose an egg from each category in each year to receive a special prize . (an Easter Egg). The winners were announced at the event and their prizes awarded.

Congratulations to the winners:.

Class	Category	Winner
Rec.	Paste	Madeleine Deacon
	Paper	Max Lightburn
Year 1	Paste	Nicholas Steel
	Paper	Thomas Heighton
Year 2	Paste	Lauren Gowdie
	Paper	Naomi Erlebach

Class	Category	Winner
Year 3	Paste	Alice Bartley
	Paper	Claire Mitchell
Year 4	Paste	Joshua Erlebach
	Paper	Natasha Collingham
Year 5	Paste	Hannah King
	Paper	No entry
Year 6	Paste	'The Eggs Terminator'
	Paper	D'Arcy Emberson

A special prize went to Louis Watt in Year 1 for

'The Castle' which was an amazing family entry and has given us an idea for next year!!!!.

Well done everyone! **Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success and to everyone who made cakes and /or donated Easter Eggs.**

## Volunteering to help out at FOSS events

**Thank you to all those people who have volunteered and helped out at the FOSS events so far this year. If you would like to find out more about helping please speak to your year rep. or a member of the committee. We need your help**

### FOSS Committee

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