

## Autumn Term Newsletter

### A new school year



The start of the new school year brings with it inevitable change; new beginnings; new people; a change in the season. For FOSS it tends to mean a new chair / co-chair, new members (parents), changes to our committee and new ideas.

This year **Sarah Erlebach** (mum to Joshua in Y5 and Naomi in Y3) has stepped down from her position as Co-chair and become the **Vice-chair** of FOSS. Sarah has been a remarkable chairperson for FOSS and we extend our gratitude to her for her hardwork and commitment. Sarah will be replaced by **Rebecca Powell** (mum to Matthew in Y1 and pre-school Millie) who joined FOSS as a committee member last year.



At the **AGM** in September we welcomed some new committee members and supporters. Thank you for volunteering. A huge **thank you** to those people who have been committee members or have helped out at events in 2009 /2010.



**Supporters List** - We are pulling together a list of people who are willing to be contacted to support FOSS activities. This would mean giving us your text / phone / e-mail contacts and we would include you on our requests for help (e.g. disco, serving refreshments etc.). There would be no commitment required other than to let us know if you were available to help out on a given occasion. If you are willing to become a 'supporter' of FOSS please text or e-mail your name / child's name and year and contact number to either:

[Philippa.lythgoe@btinternet.com](mailto:Philippa.lythgoe@btinternet.com) or text 0770 6047322  
[becca@powellupnorth.co.uk](mailto:becca@powellupnorth.co.uk) or text 07973 101747

Thank you for your support.

Visit us at [www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk](http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk)

### Forth-coming events / activities

#### £ Autumn/ Christmas Fundraisers £

- Christmas Pudding orders in by **November 5<sup>th</sup>** 2010 (see attached information and order form)
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** 2010 – School Disco  
6.00pm to 7.00pm – Infants  
7.15pm – 8.30pm – Juniors
- Northbrook Gift Wrap – orders to be placed by half-term holidays.
- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Fair (afternoon)

### Donations to school



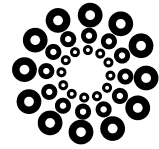
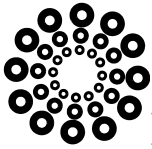
We have received one request from the school so far – to fund the **Pantomime**. Last year this cost £550.

**FOSS purpose Statement:** 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.



**Don't like to mention it but...Christmas isn't that far off!!!!** FOSS is having the **Christmas Fair Planning Meeting** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm** at the **Avenue pub** in High Shincliffe. So, if you like Christmas and have any fundraising ideas please join us!

If anyone is interested in joining us for a Christmas night out (meal and maybe on for dancing!) please let Becca or Philippa know. Plans being formulated!



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### FOSS Link with Amazon

If you buy from **AMAZON** then you can earn commission for FOSS without it costing you a penny. Simply go to the FOSS website and follow one of the 3 links to Amazon (Toys and Games, Books, Clothing store). Please do this every time you buy something from **Amazon**. Since these links were placed on the FOSS website, about 3 months ago FOSS has earned **£19.84**. Thank you to Yvonne Collingham for setting up the link.

<http://www.shincliffe-foss.org.uk>



**News - Summer Fun Day** –thanks to your generosity we raised **£641**.

**News - Welcome Back Coffee Afternoon** raised **£119**.

**Thank you.**



### Northbrook Gift Wrap and Yellow Moon Catalogues



You will be receiving a **Northbrook Gift Wrap** catalogue. We receive 22% cash back for the school on all orders placed. Orders to be returned by the half term holiday. Thank you to Ronnie Gilboy for co-ordinating.

The **Yellow Moon** catalogue has some really great gift ideas/ stocking fillers and craft items. If your child is in Reception you will receive a catalogue. All other years please look at the website [www.yellowmoon.co.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.co.uk). or ask for a catalogue. We receive cashback for all items bought. Please quote our reference number SSH1165. Ordering through the school avoids the cost of p&p. Thank you to Caroline Heighton for co-ordinating.



### Annual General Meeting

#### Summary:

- Income for 2009/2010 was £6938 with net income £3917 slightly higher than previous year.
- Donations made totalled £5667 including some big 'one-off' items.
- Bank Balance at 31 July 2010 = £2328

**Donations funded:** 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary badges, Christmas gifts for pupils, £100 contribution to school trips for each class, contribution to Y6 leavers event, Freddy Fit, Instruments and DVD's for school, refreshments for children at Sports Day, playground tyre equipment, Two Theatre productions and The Skipping Man.

**Fundraising Events in 2009/2010:** Fun Run, Termly discos, Christmas Fair, calendars, nativity photos, 100 square, coffee afternoons, Easter Egg sales, Bags2School (clothing collection), Yellow Moon catalogue & Northbrook gift wrap, World Cup competitions, Canvas Bag, Summer Fun Day, Amazon website link.

**Support provided for school events:** Book Fair, New starters parents evening, Maths evening refreshments, 'Let's Entertain you' refreshments, School play refreshments, Sports Day refreshments.

**Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and / or donated money.**

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations conducted a survey in 2008 and reported that the average income for a PTA was £5,500. Thank you for helping us to raise funds for our school above this average.