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FUNDRAISING NEWS

FOSS is the parent body that raises money for the extras that make Sheepscombe a special place for our children to grow, learn and develop.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

FOSS relies on parent volunteers to organise fundraising events and volunteer Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary and class reps to keep the wheels turning.

FOSS TARGETS

Our target every year is £100 per child, this pays for valuable experiences and resources including all class music lessons, reading & reference books, mathematics and teacher2parent texting service.

FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM 2021

2021 was an exceptional year with COVID -19 dominating our lives and our usual fundraising activities disrupted. FOSS are delighted that despite strange times, both Sheepscombe villagers and FOSS families have raised significant funds for the school.

At the time of writing we have raised a grand total of £8564.38!!!! Thank you so much to everyone who has helped organise, set up a direct debit or joined in with fundraising activities. Every bit of help is appreciated, including turning up to buy the cupcakes!

Read on for stories about our fundraising and a wish list for 2022!





VOLUNTEERING WITH FOSS

by outgoing Chairs Lucy Stanway & Amy Johnson

Lucy and I have played active roles in Foss since our children first joined Little Lambs and have been serving as joint chair and secretary (along with Sarah Warden until recently) for the last five years. However we have decided that it's now time to hand the baton over in September 2022.

We know that taking on the role of Chair might sound scary and being part of a 'PTA' may have a bad reputation but we have made great friends, got to know the children and teachers really well and greatly enjoyed being involved. We found that sharing the role between was really helpful and no one had too much to do. Knowing that what we do directly influences and enriches the lives of our children at Sheepscombe is a great incentive to be involved.

The main roles of Chair includes setting agendas and chairing meetings to plan for events, liaising with school and supporting events, keeping the momentum of fundraising going for the year, meeting with the treasurer, secretary, school secretary and head regularly and of course asking for willing volunteers to run events - we wouldn't be able to do anything without everyone mucking in! (cont. p.3)



SETTING UP A DIRECT DEBIT

Several parents have asked if they could make a small monthly or termly donation to FOSS to help continue the activities like music and trips that help our children thrive. Direct Debits help FOSS to have a predictable stream of income to allocate across activities.

For instance;

£10 per term for each child would raise approximately £1800 and would cover music lessons for each year group for one term.

£5 per month for each child would raise £3600 and would cover music for all 3 terms.

£10 per month for each child would enable us to raise all the money we require for the entire year to support a full programme of creative and sporting activities.

Nobody is under any obligation to donate, no fixed pattern of donation is required, no donation is too small.

FOSS recognises everyone has very different circumstances, and all donations would remain anonymous.

If you are able to help please see the FOSS bank details below and include your child's name as a reference

FOSS Bank Account

Bank: Lloyds
Sort Code: 30-98-29
Acc: 00124353



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(cont...) We are currently working on providing a 'how to guide' for any annual events and we will continue to be active members of FOSS for the remaining years our children are at Sheepscombe. We wanted to let everyone know that we are stepping down as early as possible so we can help with a smooth handover and make things as easy as possible. We will be on hand to help whenever needed and happy to answer questions!

The wonderful sense of family and community at Sheepscombe means that we have been able to raise an amazing amount of money each year. Although we stand as the Chairs in terms of organisation every member of the school is automatically a member of FOSS and of course many hands make light work when everyone mucks in. This is the only way we can continue our amazing history of fundraising that enriches the experience that school can offer.

For example we are the only school locally that provides music from the Gloucestershire Music Collective for every class for every term as this is paid by FOSS funds. As the school has grown so has the need for more fundraising to enable us to continue to provide these extra resources for all our children. Although we have some amazing annual events we are sure there are some brilliant new ideas out there to carry this forward!

Lucy & Amy xxx



Key Dates

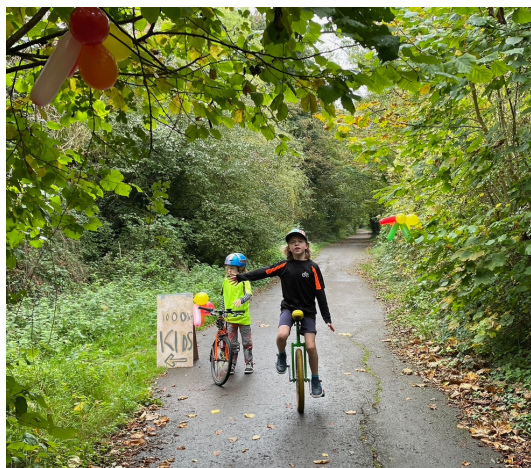
Film nights - 28th Jan & 11th March

School Disco - 18th February

Clothes swop - 5th March

Cake Sales - 8th April & 27th May

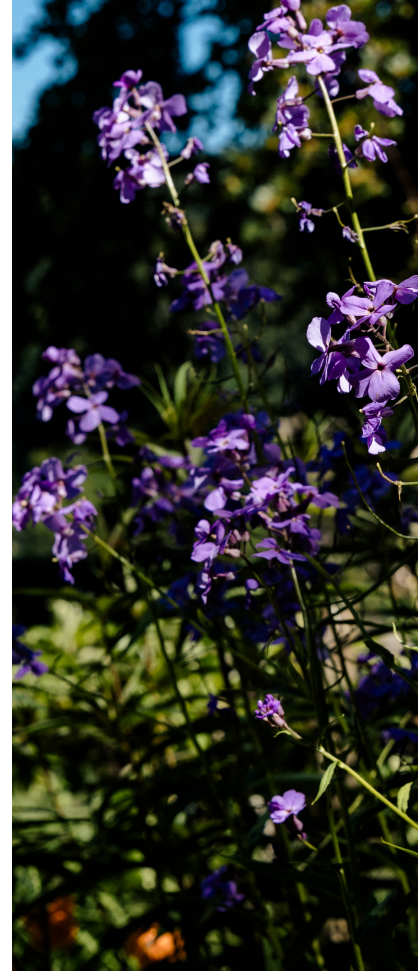
Ice Lolly Sales - June onwards



Cycling Challenge

Autumn 2021, raised £3005.47, by Sarah Warden

This years 1000km kids fundraiser involved 59 children from across the school and together they peddled over 2110 kilometres! Some huge achievements, children smashing their targets, children learning to ride a bike, children tackling roads for the first time and families finding new tracks and trails and coffee shops. We collected sponsorship from over 85 generous people. We were given £500 from Renishaw to fund the purchase of speedometers to turn abstract distances into something tangible for our children. And we recently heard that a Painswick Trust would like to donate a large sum after learning about the event in the Sheepscombe Newsletter. We held super Saturday, which was the first school social post covid and involved amazing cakes, support from local butchers, and lots of cycling. Thanks everyone for a wonderful effort.



Sheepscombe Open Gardens

Summer 2021, raised £4009.81, by Catherine Harder

During the Spring and Summer of 2021 a group of Sheepscombe villagers hatched a plan to raise money for Sheepscombe School. Led by the magnificent Sachi Hatakenaka (School Governor) and Daphne Tagg, the gardeners of Sheepscombe opened up their gardens over a series of weekends. The organisation was complicated, there were ever changing Covid restrictions to manage and the provision of tea and cakes was under threat! Thankfully the weekends were a tremendous success. A wonderful sociable occasion where villagers and school families could chat about growing and enjoy being in someone else's garden for a change. Thank you to Sachi, Daphne and all the gardeners for your amazing efforts!



Pantomine Pictures

Pantomine pictures have raised £98 for FOSS so far. If anyone missed downloading images please get in touch with Catherine on Whats App (07737421638)

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night was incredible and we raised £610.40!

Thank you so much to Seth & Jon for the amazing food, Matt and team for the fireworks and everyone who helped organising. If you couldn't make it please come next year! The fireworks were outstanding!





A Year in the Life

Forest School 2021/2022

We're documenting Forest School and will have hundreds of pictures by the end of the year. They will be added to the school website and we'll do some fundraising with them too. We could make a digital book, a poster or a slideshow for each year group. If anyone has any suggestions we'd love to hear them!



FOSS contributions to school

Classroom Furniture

The children have benefited hugely from FOSS contributions, including the fabulous home corner, reading basket and book shelves with a reading nook inside.

FOSS have paid for a whole new phonics reading scheme & the text messaging service and music lessons.

The FOSS Chairs, Treasurer & Secretary confer regularly with Mrs Powell & Mrs Dangerfield and keep them up to date with our fundraising. They let us know what they need and we assign what we can, depending on the coffers!



What FOSS does next?

Spring & Summer 2022

Thank you for reading our newsletter and getting to the final page!

Would you like to help? We're looking 1 or 2 people to take on the role of Chair.

Could you help FOSS apply to be a charity, so that we can benefit from Gift Aid?

Fundraising ideas? We also need fresh ideas to help fund playground improvements, install a reading gypsy caravan and keep the school supplied with the technology they need. Just attending the FOSS meetings and helping us bounce ideas around would be truly wonderful!

Coming up in the summer term! Selling tea towels, school disco, cake sale, leavers ice cream, and perhaps a summer social at the cricket pitch.

Have a great Xmas everyone!

Contact Details

What's App

We have 2 What's App Groups. One is FOSS fundraising and one is FOSS social. If you are not signed up please find one of us in the playground.

In the Playground

Lucy Stanway (Co-Chair) - Flora & Rosie's mum (Kestrels & Eagles)

Amy Johnson (Co-Chair) - Lars & Isla's mum (Kestrels & Eagles)

Catherine Harder (Treasurer) - Ida's mum (Merlin)

School Office

If in doubt, Caroline Powell knows everything and can introduce you to us 😊

