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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 TOTAL 2022/23

September 2022 - January 2023

So far this year we have raised £1523.97. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped organise, set up a recurring payment or joined in with fundraising activities. Every bit of help is appreciated, including turning up to buy the cupcakes!

We have a long way to go to reach a target of £100 per child so please do attend as many events as you can in the Spring & Summer terms. Read on for information about our plans.



Tattoos!

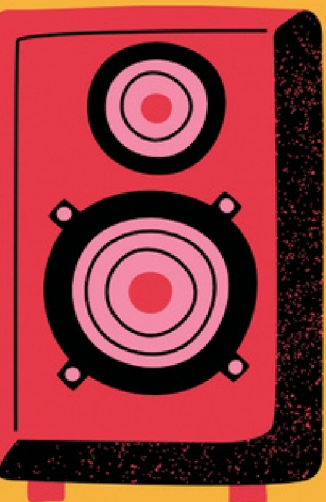
Hairspray

SCHOOL

DISCO

17th Feb 3:30-5

£5 incl. hotdog
Village Hall





PLANS FOR FEB-JULY 2023

by Etti

Our first meeting of the year was filled with some great ideas for the year ahead, with a focus on how we can raise a further £4700 to continue to fund all the things that we want to provide for the children.

Whilst it is still dark in the evenings, we will be having a school disco on the last day of the half term. Adults will need to accompany their children down to the village hall, where (those who have pre-booked) can enjoy a hot dog; buy some home baked goodies; get a temporary tattoo; try out a coloured streak in their hair; or mark the occasion in the fun photobooth.

Despite the bad weather, the pub quiz at the Butcher's Arms held at the end of last year was a resounding success and there are calls for this to be held again, so whether you are an experienced quizzier, or just wanting to play for fun, keep your eyes peeled for another quiz night.

Catherine, our FOSS treasurer and fantastic photographer has agreed to do school photographs of the children this May with proceeds from this to be donated to FOSS. Having seen her previous work, I know that these will be irresistible to parents, grandparents and other family members, and we hope that this will make a substantial contribution to funds.



SETTING UP A RECURRING PAYMENT

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. Standing Orders 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



VOLUNTEERING WITH FOSS

by Etti

For the last couple of years FOSS has run a whole school cycling event, which sadly we won't be doing again this year. However, Luca (Eagles class) came up with an excellent idea which we hope to run in its place. Luca suggested running an Activity Challenge, in which each child can choose an activity suitable to their own strengths and abilities and make a pledge to complete it within the month of June. Each child will be able to request sponsorship for their pledge, the pledges will be collated and they will be able to demonstrate their progress throughout the month. We are working on the details for this!

Unfortunately, the Sheepscombe Shuffle didn't happen this January as planned due to a lack of numbers, but Georgie, our co-chair and fabulous dance teacher will be looking to reorganise this later in the year to get us all moving and having fun whilst raising some money for FOSS.

Following the success of last year's pre-loved sale, we hope to hold this event again in June. It's a great chance for upgrading your wardrobe, raising money, and just as importantly, it's a great chance to catch up with each other.

It is also hoped that we will run a Promises Auction, in which parents and people in the community could pledge an item, experience or skill to be auctioned off to raise money for FOSS, this is planned for September, but we would hope to gain pledges before then, so if you have any suggestions or have a skill that you would be happy to share, please do approach us.

We hope to hold FOSS fundraising meetings each half term (it is our hope to vary the day and time of these to make it easier for different people to attend, but at this time of year we are somewhat limited by warmth and shelter!). All parents are welcome to attend and we invite you to contact us with your suggestions if you are unable to come in person.



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!

Contact Details

Email

friendsofsheepscombeschool@gmail.com

This is the dedicated email address for the FOSS team. Please send us any fundraising ideas, suggestions for improvements to events and your positive feedback. If it's an urgent message please notify one of us as the inbox isn't checked daily.

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

Etti (Secretary) - Ada & Eli's mum (Merlin)

Georgie (Co-Chair) - Nala's mum (Merlin)

Katie Haigh (Co-Chair) - Arthur & Owen (Kestrels , Merlin)

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

School Office

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

Facebook

If you're on Facebook please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fossfun and give us a like. It would really help our fundraising efforts if you could share event posts with your friends and family and to any relevant Facebook groups. We'll post a link on the Foss WhatsApp group when new events go live. Help spread the word because the more people we can attract to events, the more money we can raise for the school!



Student Photos









Planting an orchard at Ebworth









