

FOSS Newsletter

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Friends of Swaythling School

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Rainbow Raffle



Non-Uniform Day – Thu 21st Nov.

Thursday 21st November is a non-uniform day in aid of the Christmas Rainbow Raffle. For the Rainbow Raffle, each year group are invited to bring in donations in the following colours (although we are grateful for any and all donations people are able to make):

Year R – Pink	Year 4 – Yellow
Year 1 – Purple	Year 5 – Orange
Year 2 – Blue	Year 6 – Red
Year 3 – Green	

Last year donations included sweets, cakes, savoury biscuits, snacks, drinks, toiletries, candles and other goodies in various colours.

The raffle will run during December and the winners will be drawn on the last Tuesday of term (16th Dec).



Examples from the 2022 raffle



Re-love your Christmas stuff!

We will have a festive clothes stall and a decorations stall at the Christmas Fair. Please donate your unwanted seasonal clothes, Santa hats, reindeer boppers, etc. If it sparkles, let us have it! All ages and sizes welcome. Any decorations in good condition that are no longer used and are simply taking up space, bring them in to us, and let's see if they can find a new loving home!

Please leave all donations in the boxes at the School Office. It's a great way to declutter, fundraise for the school and support the environment by reusing and recycling

Upcoming Dates

- Fri 14 Nov Non-uniform day for Children in Need - (bring a donation for CiN if you can)
- Fri 21 Nov Non-uniform day for rainbow raffle - (see opposite for details)
- Mon 1 Dec Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On



Christmas

FAIR & LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Monday 1st December, 3.15-5.00pm

The Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On will be straight after school on Monday 1st December on the lawn at the front of school (weather permitting)

- FOSS cafe: hot chocolate, homemade cakes, popcorn and the and the return of the popular Marshmallow Snowman (including a vegetarian version).
- Santa's grotto
- Festive clothing stall
- Decorations stall
- Book stall
- Elfridges aka Christmas Shop
- Winter wonders bric-a-brac stall
- Lots of games
- Rainbow Raffle
- Lights Switch On with carols

Can you help with the Fair?

We could always do with a few extra hands before, on and after the day itself, so if you spare an hour or so, please sign up for our volunteering opportunities:

<https://volunteersignup.org/R8TFC>

Santa's Grotto & photos

We will be running a Santa's Grotto at the fair with a professional photographer to capture the moment. Prices for the Grotto will be:

- Santa & present: 6 tokens (£3)
- Santa, present & digital photo: 10 tokens (£5)
- Santa, present, digital & print photo: 14 tokens (£7)

Pre-order your Fair Tokens

We will be using tokens for the fair again so you don't need to hunt around for change. Each token is worth 50p. You will be able to buy tokens in multiples of 50p on the day by card or cash.

Avoid the queues by pre-ordering your tokens and paying for them online. Pre-ordered tokens come in cards of 10, costing £5.00 each. Pre-ordered tokens will be given to your child in class at the end of school just before the fair so you can avoid the queue! Order your tokens at: <https://forms.gle/3pWrUpEorrBbVvKni9>

Can't make it to the Fair?

We realise not everyone can make it to our events during the working day so this year we have two ways you can still be involved even if you can't make the fair:

Following the success of our online raffles, we are running the rainbow raffle as an **online raffle** throughout December with the draw taking place in the last week of term – look out for messages with all the details towards the end of November.



Snowmen lollies!



Pre-loved and brand new decs!



Sweet treats!

Help us to raise free funds as you shop this Christmas

Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Friends of Swaythling School for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is click to add easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.



Scan the QR code above, download from the Apple or Google app stores or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/>

Don't forget to tell your friends and family as well – every penny counts 😊

Donate to FOSS directly

If you are in the lucky position to be able to make one-off or regular donations, you can donate directly to FOSS, with Gift Aid, using this form:

<https://forms.gle/XpqsTkaohf3jonFQ8>

Registering with us for Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated.



Thanks for your support

A huge thanks to all parents and families have supported us so far this year. We are looking forward to the children enjoying the various activities your support makes happen.

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