

DATES TO REMEMBER

19th November
Year 6 Christmas
Fayre poster deadline

30th November
Raffle gift deadline

1st December
Fun Run

7th December
Baking Competition
Deadline

8th December
The Christmas Fayre!

17th December
Santa Shop opens.

Message from the Chair

Hello, I am the new Chair for FOSSA. I have a very strong team around me of Vice Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. Our first priority is to organise the **Christmas Fayre**, which is on **Saturday 8th December**, and we need your help to make the event an enjoyable one for the children. This November Newsletter is therefore Christmas Fayre themed. Our December Newsletter will be more of an introduction to the new Committee, who they are and their roles, we will set out our Vision and Aims for FOSSA, set meeting dates and times, and list events for the coming year.

I'd also like to invite families to 'introduce themselves' in any of our newsletters. It is so hard to get to know families now that we are not gathered in the playground – I know faces but not names and it would be lovely to get to know you all better. So, if you would like to introduce yourself and family in our December Newsletter, please let me know!! Pictures are a must.

Thanks
Anna Holbrook



Preparations for the **Christmas Fayre** are in full swing but we need our school community to help bring it all together. Your contribution could be donating a prize for the raffle, baking a cake for sale in the Refreshments Room, some time covering a stall or simply just attending the day with family and friends – *it all helps our school!*

Raffle Gift Appeal!

Start sending in donations now for our raffle prize hamper to the school office clearly labelled as '**Christmas Hamper**' until **Friday 30th November**. Suitable donations: e.g. prosecco, wine, quality chocolates, homemade jams or chutneys, home produce, dried flowers, cheeses, etc. Also, if anyone has a basket that would make a great container for a Hamper then if you would like to donate it we would be very grateful. Let us know sooner rather than later! Thank you!

Year 6 Poster Competition

We're looking for budding artists in Year 6 to produce a **Christmas Fayre** poster to advertise our Christmas Fayre. Posters to be collected by class teacher by **Monday 19th November** and will be judged by the FOSSA committee.

Prize: A set of colouring pens/pencils

Christmas Fayre Entry

Entry to the Christmas Fayre is **free!** There will be a **Donation Jar** that will be there for you to throw unwanted spare change into, either on the way in or out!

All money put into the Donation Jar will go towards the new laptop suite that the school so desperately needs.



Baking for the Refreshments Room



If baking for fun is more your thing and you would like to bake a cake to go with the tea, coffee and scones that the Church are providing, then please let FOSSA committee members know.

Classics such as Victoria Sponge, Coffee cakes, fruit cakes, etc. are always popular. Just let us know what you're planning on providing, if you can, so we get a good variety to sell.

Christmas Cookie and Biscuit Competition

Bake and present your best **Christmas cookies and/or biscuits**. They will be judged by Mrs Noall and trophies go to **1st, 2nd and 3rd places**. There are 2 categories: Adults and Children. 5 of the best Christmas cookies or biscuits are to be displayed for judging. Biscuits and cookies are to be brought into school on **Friday 7th December** to be judged and they will then be given away as you enter the **Christmas Fayre** for all to enjoy.

Introducing The 100 Club

Did you know that FOSSA has a **100 Club**? It's the easiest way for you to support FOSSA and you have the added bonus of being entered into a monthly draw to win either the **1st, 2nd or 3rd Prize**, so it's a win/win, literally! For more information, please contact either **Mel Chalfont Griffin** or **Roxanne Breadmore**. There will be a **100 Club** stall at the Christmas Fayre to sign up and to answer any queries. **Spread the word** - The more friends that join up, the better the prize fund! Terms & conditions apply.

Christmas Fayre Festive Dress-Up!

Everyone is invited to dress up in a Christmas theme, just a relaxed competition; a fun Christmas jumper is fine! Mrs Noall will choose a best dressed adult and child as she wanders around the Fayre.

Prize: Box of Chocolates

Christmas Card Post Boxes



Back by popular demand, there will be two post boxes for Christmas Cards this year: one outside, under the shelter between the new building and the library and the other will be in the school hall.

Please can we ask that children put the class name as well as their own name on the envelope. Perhaps to save them time 'O' for Owl Class (Yr R and Yr1), 'C' for Chestnut (Yr2 & Yr3), 'B' for Beech (Yr 4 & Yr 5) and 'S' for Sycamore (Yr6).

Christmas Fun Run

Saturday 1st December see Shoscombe School - FOSSA PTA Facebook page for more information.

Run or just simply sponsor one of our lovely runners!

Santa's Shop is Back!

Santa's Shop is an opportunity for your children to buy you a small gift from the FOSSA Santa Shop. The shop opens on **Monday 17th December** and is open throughout the week. Each item is £2.50 and gifts will be wrapped. There will be some choice of both male and female gifts.

Volunteers Needed!

Everyone with an interest in our school is welcome at FOSSA meetings, whether they're parents, grandparents, teachers, carers or members of our community. Our aim is to raise funds by organising events and the monies raised are used to fund activities, buy new equipment and provide special experiences for our children. Please come and get involved, either a little or a lot. **We'd love to see you there.**

