



Friends of Abbot's Hall School
Charity Number 1050231

Who Are We? What Do We Do?

We are a committed group of parents who organise a wide range of events throughout the year. Our aim is to raise money to help provide the extras for the school to benefit the children, liaising with the school for ideas and wishes. We hold short informal and friendly meetings, roughly once every half term and keep in touch via a group chat in between. New members and ideas are always very welcome!

In recent years, the money raised has been spent on the following:

- Furnishing the reading pod and providing the books
- Part funding of a new reading scheme
- Playground equipment used at playtimes
- Commemorative Jubilee and coronation gifts for the children
- New books for the library

The events we organise include:

- Children's discos
- Summer Fayre
- Easter cake competition and sale
- Second-hand uniform sales
- The year 6 leavers bbq and party
- Family bingo nights
- Little City visits

Help at any of our fundraising events – even just an hour of your time – really does help and is greatly appreciated. This could involve preparations, setting up or helping on the day, running a stall or supervising at a disco. It's always a case of many hands make light work and you might even find you have fun and make new friends in the process.

Each year we liaise with the school for their wish list and we set about trying to raise the funds required to purchase these.

Other ways to join in with fund raising.....

School Lottery

Join our school lottery from just £1 per week! Each week, there's a school prize PLUS you get entry into the UK national £25,000 prize draw too. A minimum of 40% of the entry money goes to the school.

Play online at: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Easyfundraising

This website provides a free service where you can shop online and earn money for the school at no extra cost to yourselves. All we ask is that you register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select 'Friends of Abbots Hall School' as your chosen charity. You shop directly with each retailer as normal, but simply by using the links from the easy fundraising website first. Each purchase you make will generate a cashback donation to the school. You can shop with 2000+ brand name retailers. There is also an easyfundraising app to make it even easier when shopping from your mobile device.

Easy Search – Using easysearch can raise valuable funds for the school, again at no cost to yourselves.

Simply use <http://abbotshall.school.easysearch.org.uk/> in place of your regular search engine and by making just 10 searches a day £20 a year can be raised for the school.

Bag2School – Bag2School specialise in collecting and buying quality second-hand clothes in their original condition, which are then sold to wholesalers in emerging nations. We usually have 2 collections per year.

Prior to the collections a bag will be sent home with each child. The bags can be filled with quality second hand clothing and are then returned to school by the specified date. This has proven to be a fantastic fundraising opportunity and, with the support of parents and friends, over £650 has been raised so far. If you would like any further information, you can log onto the website www.bag2school.com.

If you feel you would be able to help the Friends in any way, or have any questions, please contact our Chairperson, Helen Rudd via email at chair@abbotshall.suffolk.sch.uk We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible onto the Friends committee.

You can also find us on Facebook. Search for the Friends of Abbot's Hall Primary School to keep up to date with the latest news and events.