



Welcome!

A warm welcome to you all from the new committee!



Chair: Samantha North



Vice-Chair: Kags Alexander-Cahill



Secretary: Gail Alexander-Cahill



Treasurer: Susie Ward

After a difficult year for everyone, we are very excited to bring the school community together again with some exciting events.

In order to achieve this, we will need the help of everyone in the school. As parents/guardians of children at Abbots Ripton you are automatically members of STARS and we would like to invite everyone to take part in whatever capacity possible.

This Terms Events

We will be running different types of events throughout the year. Some of the classics that we all love such as

- Campfire Cookout
- Takeaways
- Christmas Fair
- Wreath Making
- Crafts
- And hopefully some new and exciting ones!

Why are we always fundraising?

It can often feel that we are regularly handing over money and it's hard to see where the money is going. School budgets no longer cover anything other than the basics and so, in order for our children to really enjoy their learning, STARS try to fundraise for some extras.

Over the past 3 years the money raised through STARS has bought:

- A set of new iPads
- Covering costs of travel to events
- Early Years Pirate Ship (to be delivered soon)
- Tyre play kits (to be delivered soon)
- A contribution towards the swimming lessons for year 5 & 6
- Easter egg hunt
- The creative imagination stations in each classroom
- The Play Tower (pictured)
- Books, books, books! Including non-fiction science and topic books as well as up to date reading books.



STARS have also committed to the following expenditure over the next few months:

- £600 ad hoc expenses to throughout the academic year (£50 per class per term) which is mostly spent on books as children request them.
- Art material including block watercolours for KS1 & acrylic paints for KS2 (£50)
- A swing for outside in a tree for early years, plus some other early years resources such as a cash register, construction kits and small world toys (£440)
- Magnetic Construction kits (c.£400)
- Coding penguins for computing (c.£115)
- Timers (oil in water) for maths (c.£40)
- More books c.£1,200 worth. Some of books have already arrived!



These are significant investments, and we are sure you can see the huge benefit these have to the children. **A huge thank you to everyone for participating over the years. You really have made a huge difference.**

This year

This year we think it would be incredible to have a goal to work towards. Three items have been suggested. Football goals (with nets), picnic benches (wood effect but made from recycled plastic) and new markings on the playground. Hopefully with every fundraising event we will get closer to our target!

How to get involved

Please get in contact and let us know how you would like to get involved. We would love to hear any ideas that you have, and we would like to make it as easy as possible for everyone to become involved.

In the lead up to an event we will publish a list of activities that need volunteers and the time and date requirements. If you can help, please let us know and we will add you to the specific event group. This information can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_d3ATZh3zRAcZ2Y3SMZlpRBP2o9uMdVXWBU7xr61JJA/edit?usp=sharing

Information will also be on the Facebook page, school newsletter and the school noticeboards which are next to each school gate. No expertise is required just enthusiasm!!

Ways to get involved every day

- Join our lottery! Its quick, its easy and a cost-effective way for us to raise funds.
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/abbots-ripton-primary-school
- Buy your items online through Easy Fundraising and support "STARS - Abbots Ripton CofE Primary School, Huntingdon"
 - www.easyfundraising.com
- Purchase your Amazon goods through Amazon Smile and support "Stars"
 - Through your browser - www.smile.amazon.co.uk
 - Through the app - turn on AmazonSmile under Settings
- Morrisons It's Good to Grow Tokens - For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.
- Donating your old or unwanted foreign Coins to the School
- Donating Stamps to the school

Donations

Amazon Wishlist

The school has a Wish List on Amazon. If you are looking for a way to make a contribution to the school at any time, please take a look here. This is regularly updated with items the school would appreciate quickly. Please follow the link here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/gznYEd9?ref=wl_share

PTA Events Donation Button

Most event ticket sales are made through PTA Events. There is also a donation button if you feel that you wish to make a contribution to the school at any point. Please follow the link here:

[STARS \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Class representatives

Could you be a class representative for STARS? We are looking for a representative for each year group. We do not anticipate that this will be a role that will take up a lot of time, but we would love a representative to help spread the news and reminders regarding STARS events. Please let anyone on the committee know or please drop an email to the office and Mrs Nixon will pass it on to us.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for STARS and our wonderful school.