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Dear Parents, Carers and Local Residents

'PROMOTING HEALTH THROUGH SPORT' FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

Here, at Delapre Primary School, we are continually looking for ways to enhance the learning and life experiences of all children who attend our school.

As part of our drive for success, we have been looking at how best we can utilise the facilities we have on site, to ensure that all our outdoor space generates the highest possible impact on our children. With this in mind, we have identified an area which could definitely be used more effectively and, therefore, begin to have a positive effect on the lives of the children in school.

This area of garden, which lies behind Sunbeams nursery provision, is situated between the School and the School Field. At present it is a grassy area with very poor drainage and, because of this, not currently used by anyone (*See outlined aerial photo Picture 1*).

Our intention is to transform it into a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) which will essentially create an enclosed second playground for Games and Sports and make better use of the existing space. The area will be enclosed by a 3m high perimeter fence (to keep balls and children inside!), and will have a number of marked Sports Pitches as well as access gates from both the School and the School Field.

It has taken over 12 months to secure a practical, viable plan and costings. We have decided upon the design shown in the attached picture (*see Picture 2*). We feel this will be a hugely beneficial change to the current space and that, whilst the cost of this project is high, it is money worth spending in order to ensure children from the local area, who attend our school, have facilities equal to those seen elsewhere across the town and the county.

However, we are not able to do this on our own. I am sure you must be aware that our local government has some significant financial issues which they are currently trying to manage and, therefore, will not be contributing to this project. This means that we need to finance this ourselves, through fundraising and charitable activities. The total cost comes in at just under £100,000 so this will need epic levels of effort and enthusiasm if it is going to become a reality. **We are determined to make this happen!**

So it is here that we are going to be asking for your help...

We have set up an Online Donations Page which you can find on the link below. This allows anyone to make a direct donation or to set up monthly donations if they wish. All would be gratefully received.

<https://give.joinos.com/delapre-primary-school-1/>

See the DONATE button – top right hand corner of the Homepage.

Personal donations made via this page are eligible for an additional 25% Gift Aid if the person donating is a UK Tax Payer.



On the same page is a link to GoRaise:

See the 'Go Shopping and Support our School' link on the Homepage.

<https://give.joinos.com/delapre-primary-school-1/news/go-shopping-and-support-our-school/>

This is a fabulous – *cost-free* – way for you to raise funds for us. Every time you shop online **via GoRaise** you raise money for our pot. It does take very slightly longer to buy online using this as there is an extra step to complete – using the GoRaise website to locate your preferred supplier – but then it is exactly the same as any online purchase you make, with a small percentage going to our fund-raising account - *from the company you are buying from*. This does not cost you, the customer, an extra penny. Not all online shops are on GoRaise – but a huge majority are, so *please* try this method of online shopping and help us raise some money..... **it really is easy**. Included on this site are many supermarkets so, if you do your food shopping on line, please check this out. *Every little helps*.

SPONSORSHIP AND/OR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Additionally we would like to speak to any local businesses who feel they may be able and willing to offer any sponsorship or charitable donations. Please do contact us via MUGA@delapre.northants.sch.uk if you feel your company may be able to help; or if you work for a large company which has a charitable department we could get in touch with. Our project is being supported by a local charity: The JRB Foundation has been closely linked with the school and local community for over 20 years now, and was initially started in the name of Mr John Bedford, a previous long serving, well-loved Headteacher at Delapre. **All charitable donations made by businesses would be eligible for the usual Charitable Tax Donation Relief.**

If we currently have your email address on file, you may have already received some emails from us, relating to this project, with links to important information and resources. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, and kept up-to-date with our progress and activities, please contact the School Office with your email address. *We very much appreciate your support in this venture.*

We hope that you, your families and your children will be excited as we are about this project. We are in no doubt that this is a huge task but, if our whole school community can come together and pull in help from friends, family and business contacts, we really feel that this will be achievable and extremely beneficial for all our children.

Picture 1:



Picture 2:



Yours faithfully



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