

Friends of Delamere meeting 4/2/2020

Present - Alan Lord, Pauline Sherwin, Amy Evans, rowan almond, Karen Vernon
Apologies - Melissa DeBerry, Shabana Broun, Alan Hobson

Accounts update -

Balances of both bank accounts very healthy. Lots of the funds are ring fenced for the outside space, but not worth spending until the development of the pool is complete so it isn't ruined in the process.

Alan and Karen are. Going to the bank in half term to sign the mandate so that Karen will be able to sign cheques.

Our lottery licence is due for renewal and we have started the process to pay for this - though it has taken months in the past. This is anticipated to be a £20 cost

Shed is currently full due to stock remaining from the winter Fair.

Books - sort through and keep a small amount of good stock. Remaining stock to be scanned into a book selling app and see if we can get rid. any that the app wont have can be donated to De Brook Lodge etc.

Bottles - the idea of a wine/water stall at Urmston artisan market or other urmston partnership event was discussed. We have the empty bottles and full ones, but they are all different shapes. the amount of work required to prep as well as the volunteer levels required could be an issue. the bottles of wine we have wont go off at least so not as urgent an issue.

Chocolate - dates of stock need to be checked and sorted through. We discussed various ways to use up our chocolate stock. It was decided to do a raffle style event with it, where everyone wins. Do it to celebrate the Leap year. 50p a ticket. All winnings into pupil's bags on Friday 28th Feb.

It was decided that we would do an Easter themed **balloon race** this year - prizes being Easter Hampers. Due to when Easter falls and when school breaks up the balloon race will finish on Tuesday 31st March to enable prizes to be awarded. This means that balloons will launch on 24th March, so deadline for ticket sales will be 23rd March. Tickets will start to be sold on 8th March at a free event in school (permission allowing) that will be some sort of Easter Egg hunt/treasure hunt/outdoor classroom style event. 1-3pm. With tea coffee and snacks. Rowan will email Ben to see if he is free/willing to help out on the day to aid in the theming of the event.

In June Paige Whitehouse and her family are doing a climb up the Big One in Blackpool and have decided to raise money for school. We will help her publicise her justgiving page using school facebook and parentmail.

Three Peak Challenge - A group of school staff are doing the Three Peak challenge on Friday 24th July (day after school breaks up) - they are planning on doing this in 24 hours. Support will be needed. During thesecond half of summer term we will encourage each class to do a sponsored event around the theme of Height/three to raise funds for school. Suppport from parents for a class event tends to work well as parents have a relationship with the teachers.

With this being at the end of the school year, and by this time the big field will be a building site we decided to have the traditional summer Fair before half term - so we will have the "**Summer Fair**" on Sunday the 17th May. (Work on the pool may have started by now) All of us to look into something we could hire as an attraction - either for in the small hall or on the front car park - bring ideas to meetings or email in advance and we can weight up costs/risks/attractiveness etc.

We have enough bottles for a tombola already so wont need to request extra.

Keep an eye out for grants we can apply for, sources of revenue etc. Often they require a specific project, so that would need to be approved by school/taken from school's business plan but then we can apply for anything as long as have school's approval first and we fulfill the criteria.

Amy suggested holding a **craft morning** for parents, as an informal gathering with a craft focus as a chance for chat etc. Amy will book the Bluebell room for a weekday morning to host a craft morning and get it onto Parentmail. Amy and Pauline will run the session and see how it goes.