**Parent Forum Friday 15th April**

*Present: Kate O’Kelly, Trish Padwicke, Caroline Richards, Sharon Hunt*

*Apologies : Jacqui Howells, Terri Cooke ,Sarah Fox, Joanne Miller,*

**Welcome and Apologies**

1. **Greenwood Tree Academy Trust**

* We discussed that New Executive Head has taken up position, Paul Chadwick. He has been into school to visit SH and to do assembly for children. He was also part of the day with ‘Mocksted’ with Caroline Dearden.

He is arranging a GTAT pupil voice meeting with 4 children from each school during the Summer Term. He has sent out a newsletter, which you will have received and this is going to become a regular feature.

1. **After School Club- holiday club**

* SH is thinking about adding a holiday club to the before and after schoolprovision and will be sending out information and a questionnaire to gauge interest shortly
* Parents have requested that snack time in club is earlier as some children are not eating dinner when they get home. This has been passed to the after school team who have taken steps to limit this issue.

1. **School Improvement Plan**

* Key objectives for the year were shared:

1. To improve teaching and Learning in Maths and Science

2. To further improve teaching and Learning in Literacy

3. To enhance learning through improved use of the outside environment

4. To develop expertise of all staff and governors through carefully targeted CPD

We are working well towards these targets and should meet most by the end of the year. Others will need further embedding and some are dependent on funding .

1. **Singapore Maths**

* Last meeting we discussed Singapore Maths briefly and what it looks like. Several classes last year dipped into this and tried it out with great success. This year we are working on extending the programme to all classes more fully. SH led a Governor Workshop, which will be followed at a later date with a parent workshop Wednesday 27th April. Visitors to the school have commented on how well the children can articulate their learning and the skilful questioning of the staff.

1. **School uniform**

* SH feels that standards have slipped in this area, particularly around footwear. A letter will be going out to parents and some work will be done with the children in school over the coming weeks.

1. **Coming into school in the mornings**

* This is quite unusual at MSA. Parents find it a useful time to have learning conversations.

We need to ensure that it is purposeful and that parents support the learning and leave at the designated time. Year 3/4 children should be encouraged to come into school themselves as they are older and in preparation for Middle School.

1. **Field and outdoor areas**

* SH would like to increase the opportunities for children to be able to use the field area and is looking at possibility of having outdoor shoes/trainers/football boots/wellingtons for children to change into for playtimes, when wet or for particular activities.

1. **Parent Questionnaires**

* Feedback from the questionnaires was shared. It was requested that pupil feedback could be shared with parents. This is something we would like to do in the future.

1. **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and SATS**

* There will be a meeting at school about the lessons and when they will take place
* We talked about SATs this year, which will be similar in many ways to previous year but the data collected will be different. Again, there is a meeting at school to provide further information.

1. **Vision**

* The school have a finished vision which was sent out to all parents. It is now on the school website.

1. **AOB**

* Parents have requested login details for websites. Would it be possible to have one login? If you use the school website you can go straight to some, but not all.
* Parents really appreciated the phonic workshops this year and how they worked- being able to combine working with children and finding out key information about new sounds. This is something we will consider doing in other areas too.

**The meeting ended at 11.00am**