**Parent Forum Meeting**

*Present:, Kate O’Kelly, Trish Padwicke, Caroline Richards, Sharon Hunt,Jacqui Howells, Fran Porter, MagdelenaTutak*

*Apologies : Joanne Miller, Terri Cooke*

**Welcome and Apologies**

1. **Greenwood Tree Academy Trust**

* Tree to be planted children have voted on and now chosen Maple which will be planted this term. More information will follow about this event.

1. **School Improvement Plan (This is available to see in Reception area)**

* Key objectives for the year:
* Writing and Maths remain a focus. We will be providing more opportunities for extended writing across the school and in other curriculum areas especially History and Geography
* Working with DASP schools to promote areas of Maths that came out as weaker in DASP audit. There will be meetings and workshops about these later in the year.
* Maths results are getting better and better
* Y3 and Y4 GL results Problem solving and reasoning were higher than national
* 60% reached ARE in school this year. We would like to raise this to 85% , although the goalposts have moved so we are not comparing like to like.

1. **Uniform**

* We agreed that children are looking much smarter than Summer term last year , and we will continue to challenge children regarding uniform and hair being tied back, supporting parents in their attempts to support school. It was suggested that more clarity regarding PE kit would help parents to ensure proper clothing was in school.

1. **Outdoor education**

* We would like to continue to develop the outdoor area for playtimes and increase use for curriculum activities

1. **Review Reports**

* Following up on feedback from last year we added progress and attainment to reports in line with parent consultation meetings. These appear to be much clearer

1. **Christmas cards**

* Parent s found these useful for presents and would like to do again. A group of parents to help to coordinate is being organised by Fran Porter.

1. **Mindfulness**

* This is something that we would like to develop further, and will be looking into during the year.

1. **Coming into class**

* New arrangements are now in place in year 3/4 which are helping children settle independently and start learning sooner. This will be needed for preparation for Middle school. Parents should be mindful that this is an opportunity to quietly support children at the start of the day, it is not the time to have meetings with school staff. Toddlers need to be under strict supervision as there have been several instances where displays, children’s work or prepared material gas been moved or damaged.

1. **Communication incl text messages**

* We are reviewing communication processes, we discussed use and accessibility of Twitter., information on the website and changing the timings and focus of the newsletters to half termly and the children and work being represented more. Texting was thought to be very expensive at 4.2p a text and it seems now having researched further since meeting that messages through eschools would be free so I will be sending messages through that forum. I am also trying to arrange someone from eschools to come in and talk to parent and staff about how it works and making sure it is being used effectively.
* Parents mentioned that separate logins are needed for each child. I have spoken to eschools and we can change this, which Mrs Norman is now working on, but it may take some time.
* We are also looking at signing up for consultations online and making payment s online. We have set up parent consultations for this year and will be asking for feedback t parents consultation.

1. **Parent helpers**

* A reminder that parent helpers are always needed.

1. **SEN Information Report**

* Parents have been asked to read and see if this document reflects what they see in school. Please email any comments.

1. **Timetables on website**

* We will be adding timetables to eschools in response to parental requests.

1. **PE clothes going home**

* When children have PE at the end of the day (Year 3 currently) children will go home in PE kit. This means they can utilise their full PE time. It will be crucial that they have warm PE clothes as the weather gets cooler.

1. **Wellies**

* We have discussed these previously and are waiting for outdoor storage to arrive for Year 3 and Year 4 then children will be asked to bring in wellies and wellie socks. These can be left in school.

We covered a lot in this meeting and my thanks as always to busy people who give up their time to contribute. Special thanks to Fran and Magdelena who have joined us for the first time.

**Meeting closed at 10.30am**