



## Parents in Partnership Forum

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Yeoman was delighted to hold Greatwood's second Parents in Partnership Forum. This was an opportunity to welcome parents into school to meet with staff and share your thoughts and ideas about different aspects of school life.

At the Forum, we updated parents on:

- The second half term in school and all the amazing opportunities and learning that has been taking place
- The different ways in which Covid 'Catch Up' funding is being used in school this half term.
- Proposed building project at Greatwood. Mrs Yeoman updated parents on the project and showed more detailed images.

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As a **Partnership**, it was important for parents to share their views, too. You talked to us about:

- How impressed you were with the opportunities that the children were getting at Greatwood.
- The importance of ensuring that communications are consistent and clear so that parents really can **work in partnership with school** by helping pupils to understand their experiences. For example, you'd find this helpful so that you can be prepared with things like Children in Need.
- You loved the EYFS Art Gallery and cannot wait for the next one!
- You are really enjoying the homework projects and the flexible approach to the homework. You were concerned that not all families would be able to do the homework and asked how school could support the other families. Could they be given a homework project pack?
- You sometimes don't get notifications, for example, if a photograph is posted on the class story, you get those, but not always when work is uploaded into the portfolio area. Could weekly spellings be put on as a photograph?
- The concerns that we all share about the expansion of school and ensuring that school does not lose our Greatwood feel.
- Your concerns that Greatwood school will increase in size, yet there are schools in Skipton that are not full.



- You were concerned about the impact on the highways of the new build. Parking is already hard work around school at busy times.
- You were also concerned at the disruption to school life that the building project would cause.
- Your concerns that a new build would impact on the green space at Greatwood (which no other school in the area has). But after you looked at the detailed plans, you were pleased that there would still be lots of green space for the children.
- You were concerned about the debris that has been created around the estate from the Yorkshire Housing projects and how the fencing and debris has been dangerous for the children and families. We will follow this up by contacting Yorkshire Housing.
- You are concerned about very young Greatwood children playing out in the dark, particularly on the roundabout and roads on the estate. As a response to this a member of the Skipton Community Safety Hub is going to help to hand out some glow in the dark keyrings etc. School will also send out some communication reminding our children and families about road safety and keeping safe on the estate.

### Would you like to get involved?

It is our wish to have parents from all year groups represented at the Parents in Partnership Forum. We will hold meetings **once per half-term** and will work with parents to choose a time most suitable for most people.

The parents attending the meetings felt that today's meeting at 9am was far better and asked that meetings from now on in were held at this time.

If you'd like to get involved, get in touch with reception to find out more or ask to speak to Mrs Yeoman.