



Parents in Partnership Forum

Parents in Partnership Forum on the 22nd November 2023

Miss Carter and Miss James were delighted to hold their first Greatwood Parents in Partnership Forum of the year. This was an opportunity to share the successes of the start of the academic year, and give parents the opportunity to share their views on what they feel has gone well, the recent ofsted report and any areas for future development. Three parents attended the meeting and were parents of children in years 3, 5 and 6.

At the Forum, parents were updated on:

- The successes of the school since June 2023 and all the amazing opportunities and learning that has been taking place.
- The newly released ofsted report.
- Actions since the last meeting.

Please see the slides attached for more information on what was discussed during the presentation.

As a partnership, it was important for parents to share their views too. Parents told us what they felt has gone well for their children so far this year:

- Parents continue to be amazed and pleased with the range of opportunities Greatwood offer for their children – trips, school events, extra-curricular clubs, Outdoor Ed etc.
- Parents were happy with the progress their children have made in their education since the start of the year.
- Parents stated that they can see Greatwood continues to offer a lot more than other local schools and they were thankful to staff for all of their hard work.
- Communication has significantly improved but there are still areas that could be further developed.
- Parents acknowledged that they had read the ofsted report and that it gave a positive view of Greatwood. They felt that it was very short and



there was not much detail in it. We discussed the changes to the framework and how the grade is now reported. We also read out a few quotes from the feedback meeting that were not in the report and parents identified that Greatwood was very close to outstanding in many areas. They congratulated staff and all their hard work to achieve this.

Updates/responses to questions from the last meeting:

- Greatwood grocery – the financial side of things are nearly sorted with the hope to open in the spring term. Parents were looking forward to this.
- Parent volunteers – Greatwood staff would be very grateful to have more parent support in school and on trips. A list of parent volunteers with DBS checks to be created.
- The proposed school extension – staff explained that due to the drop in the birth rate in the craven area, the plans are on hold until it rises again.
- Communication – parents were happy that the calendar on the website was updated for the autumn term, however there are no dates from January onwards. Staff will action getting these put on as soon as possible.

Parents then had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss areas that could be further developed:

- A parent informed us that the Twitter feed is no longer on the school website. Not all parents have Twitter and lots of school information is posted on there. Staff agreed that Twitter is a main source of information and that we would discuss with class teachers about putting more event posts on Class Dojo which all parents have access to.
- Parents realise that After School Club is in high demand but asked if it was possible that parents who use it regularly get priority each half term rather than a first come first served booking method that is currently used.
- There are currently only 3 parents on the FRoGS team and parents asked if we could send out an email to try and recruit more members. Staff support and lead events such as the Halloween disco but don't attend meetings as they are during school time. Parents asked if there was a chance staff could possibly attend to offer ideas on events and items that money could be spend on for school.



The clear message that was taken from the Parent Forum was that families can see that staff are working very hard to provide the best education for their children and parents want to help in any way they can.

It was agreed that we had better attendance at the last meeting when it was during school hours and therefore, the time and date for the next forum will be Wednesday 6th March at 9am.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm.

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 every term and will work with parents to choose a time most suitable for them.

If you would like to get involved, please contact the office to find out more or ask to speak to Miss Carter/Miss James.