

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Executive Head Teacher Update



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Dear Parents & Carers

We have been back a short time, but not really completed a full week yet! We are not complaining though; everyone loves a Bank Holiday. I do hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter break and the long bank holiday this week.

It has been lovely having a celebration for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. This has been a thoughtful point for us to include as a small part of this year's curriculum. Our priority has been on the focus on the peaceful conclusion to what was a difficult time in history, rather than the focus on the concept of war. The return to peace is something we can also appreciate as well as acknowledging that in various parts of the world, peace is a long way off. As part of the day, we have tried to mirror some of the things which happened on 8th May 1945—listening to music from that time, experiencing similar food, having 'street parties' (either inside or out), dressing up, as well as understanding what happened during that time. Daubeney even managed to close their road and have a proper 'knees up', recreating the very event and location from all those years ago.



The summer begins with a variety of events across our schools—Quiz Night at Lauriston, residential trips, visits to Hackney School of Food with Stay and Plays, Sports Days and Summer Fairs ahead.

A heads up that we are also holding a 'Be Yourself Day' on 26th June. We have thought about very carefully this year. This will focus on children being individuals and expressing themselves and feeling a sense of belonging. This covers the PSHE elements of children learning about the world they live in and respecting differences and similarities in the people and families around them. If any parent would like to hear more about the content of the day, please contact the Heads of Schools or PSHE Leaders. There will be more on the websites nearer the time. Expect to hear children feeling proud about an aspect of themselves, friendship bracelets, rock painting, positive messaging, lunchtime karaoke, dressing up and fashion shows and much more.



The Federation has set the budgets for the schools, Children Centre and Child & Family Hub for 25/26. Whilst there are many things to feel positive about how we manage the finances (and we are in a good position during such tricky times for schools), there are challenges ahead and things to consider moving forward to ensure we are operating positive balances. Each school will be affected in some way, but being part of a Federation does mean we are stronger collectively than standing alone. More on this to come.

And finally.... Next week, our Y6 children and those across the land will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATS Assessments. This is a big event in the primary school calendar and something all schools carefully prepare for. SATS are important as school accountability measures, a means to celebrate the hard work children, staff and parents do and as a right of passage for the children themselves. But, it is important to remember, they do not tell us anything about the children that we do not already know. They also do not give a full picture of a child. They do not recognise their talents in art or singing or sport or cooking or debating or speaking several languages or how kind and entertaining they are. These are the important things about your children and we celebrate these over everything. However, we want the children to do well and hope they come to school rested and ready next week. A big thank you to all the staff who have worked directly with the children in Y6 this year, to the staff who have taught your children at some point in their lives and to you as parents and carers for supporting the work we do. I wish all our Y6's the very best for next week.

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