

21st July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

The end of term has arrived! Despite the increased Covid interference over the past weeks, we have been enjoying some wonderful end of year events across each school. It has been fantastic to have some parents into the grounds again; an indication of things which are to follow.

I am pleased to announce, after a long process, the Governing Body have agreed upon a name for the Federation. We will now be **The Blossom Federation of Daubeney, Sebright & Lauriston Schools**. The decision to name something is not easy....I have every sympathy with you parents and carers! We generated ideas, gathered opinion, discussed the various different options, ruled some out, thought of new ones, consulted on these...it has been a process! Blossom was the overall favourite in the google poll too. Having a Federation name gives us an identity; the imagery and meaning behind Blossom is also lovely, but the idea that schools help children 'blossom' is simple but powerful and optimistic. This has been approved by Hackney Education.

You will have noticed that the federation twitter and Instagram name has also changed to **@BlossomFederationExecHT**

Over the summer holidays, I would like to launch a blossom image competition across the federation. I would like children to design their own blossom image which we will then use as a watermark behind our individual school logos. **If your child would like to have a go, these can be emailed or posted to the school offices marked for my attention. Good luck!**



I would like to take this opportunity to say some thank you's. Firstly, to all our parents and carers for working with us throughout this challenging year. Thank you. When home and school work together, that is when the magic happens. We have felt fortunate to be part of three great school communities and we appreciate your support and feedback.

To the whole staff teams – from our cleaners and caterers, to our Premises teams, Office Staff, Support Staff, Nursery Officers, Nurture Teams, Learning Mentors, SENDCo's, Specialist Teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Family Support Workers, Early Years Educators, Extended Day, Family Practitioners, the wonderful Class Teachers and the amazing Senior Leadership Teams....a big thank you for being superstars, for keeping our children's learning going and for going above and beyond.

I must also single out a few people who have been absolutely extraordinary; and not only made my job easier but make it a joy to come to work: Our wonderful Business Managers - Lorraine Groom and Jatin Shamji; The Head of the Children's Centers - Suzanne Carmichael; and our hardworking and dedicated Heads of School - Mr. Logan, Ms. Corpe and Mr. Harris. You have all done a wonderful job.

And finally to the children who have shown resilience, strength and determination and who can always provide some joy when things are tricky. We are all very proud of you.

Happy holidays to you and I hope you all get a chance to have some kind of break. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September when it will be 'business as usual'.

Stay safe and well

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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