

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Monday 22nd January 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

A very Happy New Year to you all.

The holidays seem such a long time ago, yet we are only 47 days into January! I hope the new year has started positively for you.

The Spring Term has begun at pace for us at Blossom. Pupil progress meeting, trips, tours, consultations and meetings! I have been asked to speak to a group of Governors of ten schools in Berkshire this week, about the benefits of Federations. As well as having MUCH to say about this, it is an opportunity to promote the Blossom brand and I am pleased to have been approached.

Hackney Council have selected Daubeney Children's Centre to be one of four Hackney Children and Family Hubs which will support children and families from birth to 25. The Children and Family Hubs will deliver an enhanced offer of universal and targeted services across health, early help and community services. This is an exciting development and will require some planning and thinking around staffing, logistics and how we use the building itself. I will keep you posted.

Over the next few weeks, each school will be launching their own **101 Things** initiative. This is a list of meaningful learning opportunities your children will experience throughout their time at their school. These vary per school, but are the results of many people's ideas and we think you'll like them very much. We will also be creating a 101 Things page on our websites and each year group will eventually receive an annual passport.

This week we had sight of the indicative numbers of preferences for our Blossom schools for Reception. As you know, we are watching pupil numbers like hawks. The situation at Colvestone has made us very sensitive to this issue. I am pleased to tell you that the number of preferences for Lauriston, once again have gone up, been maintained at Sebright, but increased significantly at Daubeney! Yay! We are hopeful these numbers will translate into actual little people in September, but I am delighted with the impact of the promotion and word of mouth work which is going on at each school. Fingers crossed everyone!

In other news, I have been asked to join a Hackney research trip to Vancouver in April. Alongside other Hackney Leaders and Governors, this trip will look at understanding equitable educational practice in international settings and how they can be applied to our Hackney schools. This is an exciting opportunity and I am looking forward to extending our networks and promoting Blossom to the Canadians. In March, some of our Blossom Team will be presenting to the Team Canada delegates on their visit to London.

We have published our term dates for 2024-2025. These will be shared with you shortly and be updated on our website this week.

Look out for the Spring Update newsletters around each schools' School Development priorities. This is always encouraging to read how much has been achieved in a term.

As always, don't forget, our Federation website www.blossomfederation.com is now live, plus a reminder about our social media channels which will show you more of what goes on at the Federation @BlossomExecHT on Twitter and Instagram as well as the school X sites:

@DaubeneyHackney

@SebrightPrimary

@LauristonSchool

@ColvestoneC

@daubeneycc

@sebrightcc

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Warren'.

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