

# Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Tuesday 18th April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Happy Summer Term everyone!

I do hope you had a good Easter break whatever you had planned. Our staff team returned fresh and relaxed yesterday. We had a very productive INSET day yesterday where the staff were able to work across the Federation schools sharing good practice and receiving bespoke training. Teachers were able to moderate writing in year group teams and support staff did some collective work around our OPAL initiative. There was a good vibe and everyone was very positive for the term ahead.

The Summer Term is fun but busy. We welcome the warmer and brighter days, but there is much to pack in. It is only a short half term, but SATS for Y2 and Y6 are a particular focus! The diary is also complicated by several bank holidays, so as a reminder, the schools and centres are closed on Monday 1st May (May Day) and Monday 8th May (King Charles' Coronation).

In addition, some news on future industrial action which you may have heard about in the media. Over the Easter Break, the National Education Union (NEU) announced further industrial action on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**, with further dates to be confirmed in June/July. This is frustrating for all concerned, but this news comes after the union overwhelmingly rejected the Government's disappointing pay offer. Staff remain hopeful the Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, will make an improved offer which will put an end to the action. **Until we hear more, it is assumed the Industrial Action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May will go ahead as planned.** As before, the individual Heads of School will be writing to you by the end of the week with how this will affect their schools.

Next week, we have a public meeting, led by Hackney Council, about the proposal to merge Colvestone and Princess May School. Naturally, the Colvestone community were upset when they received this news and wish to make their thoughts known. You may also have read that there are four other schools in Hackney either proposed for closure or amalgamation. It is a very sad time for London schools as the ongoing pupil number issue is taking its toll. The meeting will take place on Monday 24th April at 5:00 at Colvestone.

As always, don't forget, 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 Twitter sites:

@DaubeneyHackney

@SebrightPrimary

@LauristonSchool

@ColvestoneC

@daubeneycc

@sebrightcc

I look forward to seeing you on the gates throughout the week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Warren', written in a cursive style.

Robin Warren

Executive Head Teacher