

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Wednesday 11th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

A very happy new year to you all. Welcome to 2023! Wow!

It has been lovely seeing our children and families returning to school with such enthusiasm. Many people find the start of the year a challenging time, so we have lots planned to keep us busy and motivated. I am pleased to report a very positive start across our schools as we head towards our half way mark. I find this time very optimistic in setting goals and aspirations personally, and this also applies to the work of the Blossom Federation and with our partnership with Colvestone. I would also like to thank you for your warm wishes, cards and gifts before the holidays. This is much appreciated.

The Spring term not only brings awards seasons (which I am obsessed by), but a raft of exciting school events and milestones. Jatin, Lorraine and I are working hard on the 2023-2024 budgets which we are confident will be buoyed by the Secretary of State promise to increase school funding - everyone keep their fingers crossed. Keep your eyes peeled for OPAL stay and plays, bikeability training, WOW days, a wealth of trips and visits, school photographs, cake sales, flu vaccinations, as well as our standard SIP visits from our Hackney Leadership consultant, Laleh Laverick. This begins with Sebright in a fortnight's time. Our Governors are also visiting the schools to see our progress towards the School Development Plans. Keep an eye on the individual Head of School updates and the websites. Daubeney and Colvestone have their termly Target Action Group (TAG) meetings with Hackney Education this week - we have lots of good things to share. We are also continuing with our pupil progress meetings to see how well your children are progressing.

Over the holidays, we had state of the art interactive panels installed at Colvestone as part of our improvement planning. These look incredible and are already making a positive impact on learning.

I am pleased to report good attendance at our school parent tours and open evenings. This is encouraging with relation to the pupil place issue across London.

Hackney Education are consulting about term dates for the 2023-2024 academic year, which, once agreed, I will share with you and on the school websites.

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

Tell your friends and family! We want to increase our followers. These are a great way of keeping up to date with what is happening at school. I am enjoying the healthy competition between the schools of how much content is posted! We are considering individual instagram sites as well...watch this space.

Have a great rest of the week

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Warren".

Robin Warren

Executive Head Teacher