

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Thursday 21st March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

We are almost at the Easter Holidays! Time does fly.

We heard some sad news at the end of last week. Victoria Adebeyi, one of our Admin Team at Sebright Children's Centre died. Victoria had been battling an illness for sometime, but showed a fierce determination in every way, including her commitment to work. The Children Centre Teams, and those staff who knew her across the Federation, are very sad about her loss. Our best wishes go to them and Victoria's family at this time.

Next week marks the departure of two Blossom legends. Firstly, Kathy Kimpton from Sebright, who worked at the school for over 40 years! She has made the very wise decision to retire and enjoy a very well earned rest and time with her family. Kathy has supported countless children and families over the years, and seen the school change and develop like no one else. Her loyalty to the school cannot be underplayed. She is a Sebright stalwart and we will feel her absence. A big thank you from me for all your efforts.

Matthew Swarbrick, one of our Assistant Head Teachers at Daubeney, will be leaving the Federation to take up a Deputy Head post in West London. Matt started his career as a student teacher at Daubeney, and leaves us nine years later as a very credible and talented leader. He has been an integral part of Daubeney's growth during this time, and it has been a pleasure for Mr Logan and I to chart his development. Whilst we are super sad to say goodbye to him; but there is a part of us which is proud that he is now equipped to further develop his career. Hopefully he will return to the Blossom fold in the future! All the best to you Matt.

It is budget time and we are busy planning and strategising for the future. The current financial climate is super tricky but we are on track and the Governors this week were pleased with Mr Shamji's numbers.

Next week we have our full Governing Body meetings for Blossom and Colvestone which will chart our developments and progress over the past term.

Colvestone has their One Day Review today which will demonstrate how committed we are as a school to keep the progress and the children's learning a continuing priority.

The consultation for the staffing structure for Daubeney's Child and Family Hub is now almost complete, with staff from both Children's Centres either being assimilated to new roles within Daubeney, or at the other three Hackney Hubs - Ann Tayler, Linden or Woodberry Down. The new service begins in the Summer Term. I will outline this new structure early next term. One of the major changes is the move of the Two Year Olds from Daubeney Children's Centre to Daubeney Nursery. We are very excited about this!

The consultation for the [Sebright Children's Centre Daycare](#) is still open. Please make your representation to this proposal. There is a public meeting on Monday at 5pm at the Centre. You can feedback your thoughts on this at this [link](#).

As always, don't forget, our Federation website www.blossomfederation.com, 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:

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Have a wonderful weekend when it arrives

Yours sincerely,



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