

ANOTHER YEAR OF CPD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

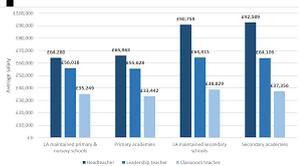
Back in the Autumn Term, Calverton joined CPD Schools Federation. Growing the Federation was always the next step and it really has helped the Federation to learn in readiness for the next growth step when that comes. It has been quite absorbing of leadership time with the new school but great strides have been made. A different circumstance usually means a number of changes, and many of them in quick succession. This has been challenging at times to manage appropriately, but implementing all that we needed to do would not have been possible, at the pace required, if it had not been for the support and hard work of the other school leaders and their staff. A huge thanks to Central Park and Dersingham as well as to Calverton staff who have all played their part in the progress made.



I think back to the start of the year when Covid was rife (has anything changed?) and the impact this had on the schools; the leadership absences when others had to step up and lead in their absence and how we adapted to different ways of working. Hopefully we won't be talking too much about Covid next year but I just wanted to mention that the success of lockdown remote learning is noticeable in the outcomes mentioned below. Whilst requiring a lot of time, effort and energy, it is very clear that live teaching, tracking of progress, planning fully and providing meaningful feedback as if children were still in the classroom I believe is telling in the outcomes for Central Park and Dersingham—less recovery required.

The other big area that each school has been on its own journey is working with children with Special Educational Needs. Children work at different abilities and some have additional needs that impact on them reaching age related expectations. Celebrating any progress made is more crucial than so pupils achieve the best they can. We will continue to focus on an appropriate curriculum to celebrate any steps in learning being achieved. We stand by one of our strap-lines 'Every Child Really Does Matter'. I don't want to lay any specific blame with the Local Authority, but it has been acknowledged by The Mayor—'we've not done enough for children and families with SEND'. We must all do better for these pupils and understand their needs better.

REPORTS AND RESULTS



Schools have to provide you with information about how well your child is doing at school. You should be told whether your child is working at the expected level, whether they are doing better than expected or if they are below expectation for their age. Once you get the reports please do check with the class teacher or find a senior leader if you do not understand anything.

Whilst end of KS2 results will not be published this year for individual schools we do look across our schools in the Federation and compare how we have done because it is a sign of what can be achieved through hard work and focus. At Central Park and Dersingham they achieved well above the national average. Dersingham in particular have moved from being one of the bottom schools in Newham for their KS2 results to well above the national average this year. Calverton remains towards the bottom of those schools still but we are all determined to see that change over the next year or so. The only way is up.

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PREPARE FOR 'BACK TO SCHOOL'

As the summer holidays come around again—in most families that means six weeks of no formal learning and education. Whilst we do not expect children to be doing lots and lots of school work, do build into everyday activities word and number games—maybe spelling words or adding the price of items in the shop. Think about getting children to write short accounts of what they have done—keeping a diary, writing a journal, reviewing films are just some ideas. Reading is an essential life skill—it is important that children do read for pleasure as well as for learning. Make time to read together, ask questions about the books or get them to describe the characters or settings in the books they read.

Schools may set holiday tasks that will help the children for when they return back to school. Don't leave them to the last minute if they do!



END OF TERM EVENTS

It has been great to invite you into the school this year to the many end of term events that have happened and the few still to come.

Reports that Sports Day had the best attendance in some-time—thankfully this week whilst humid not unbearably hot. Thank you.



Transition events being well attended as we prepare for the new year trying to keep you as up to date with what your children will experience next year.



Children enjoying themselves at the various parties and leavers events. It is quite an emotional time for all pupils but especially those who are leaving to go on to new schools.

Staff Leavers:

As the year end approaches we say goodbye to a number of staff who will be leaving their respective schools. In many cases, staff are moving on for promotions which is great news and we wish them well in their new roles. Some staff find that their personal circumstances have changed and as a result have to move and relocate out of London, leave for family reasons and / or caring arrangements and we hope they can return to their careers as soon as possible. At Calverton in particular, some staff are leaving due to budget savings. Whilst this slightly destabilising I am pleased that decisions were made amicably and wish them all the best in the years ahead whatever they hold Individual schools will give you more details.

ACHIEVEMENTS



All the schools in the Federation have been able to celebrate a number of successes and awards this year. After the last couple of years, the last six months or so have felt like schools should—lots of events happening, people being in the building and children taking part in new activities. It has been great to see real activity in the schools.

From the sporting successes at Calverton; to the few awards and kite marks achieved at Central Park to the spectacular opportunities given to the children at Dersingham e.g. Kingdom Choir workshop we have a lot to celebrate and more importantly learn from each other. We have to share and build on these achievements so we can learn from the recognised exemplary work going on.

Central Park was given commendation for its parental engagement work, renewing the Leading Parent Partnership Award and Dersingham highly commended for their inclusion and achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark—two areas all schools will benefit from. Calverton achieving the Gold Schools Games Award—quite rare for primary schools and something for the other schools to aspire to.



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As we approach the end of term, there is unusually hot weather. Do ensure the children in particular take care being out in the sun. Make sure everyone covers up with sunscreen, wear caps or hats and keep yourself hydrated. It is unfortunate as well that travel and holidays overseas could be disrupted as the aviation industry recovers from the pandemic. If you do have a holiday booked then I hope everything goes smoothly for you and you have an enjoyable time. Do remember that school starts back on Monday 5th September for children; ensure that you are back in time for the start of term.



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It is worth pointing out, that in the Federation we generally break up earlier than many schools and return after many schools have gone back. As a result, you should not need to take any term time leave and book a flight outside the usual peak summer holiday time already—you do not need to leave early or return late. **The dates for 22/23 are already on school websites and 23/24 dates will be published before the October half-term.** Book any leave next year around these dates.

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to working with you all next year.

Darren Williams, Executive Headteacher