

Ann Bernadt and Nell Gwynn Federated Nursery Schools



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Lynne Cooper, Executive Head Teacher

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Dear staff and parents,

It has been another challenging year for our nurseries and so a number of difficult decisions have had to be made.

As a result of a falling birth rate, we have found ourselves with fewer pupils than in previous years, resulting in an excess of staff. A re-organisation has been carried out, resulting in job losses.

The following members of staff will not be returning to school in September. Eve and Shepy (teachers at Ann Bernadt), Elly, Kay and Wen (teachers at Nell Gwynn) and Erika and Liseli, (receptionists across the Federation). Falguni will also be leaving on 17th July.

Another consequence of this re-organisation is that our Executive Headteacher, Lynne Cooper, will not be returning in September. Lynne has been with us for over 10 years. She has been instrumental in bringing about many positive changes to our nurseries.

Speaking on behalf of the Governors, staff, parents and pupils, I would like to say to Lynne, thank you for all your hard work. We wish you well for the future.

Falling pupil numbers and the pandemic has also resulted in many financial challenges, many of which are out of our control.

Your Governors' ambition has been to find the best option for strengthening our nurseries for the future and for the benefit of our community. We have, therefore, taken the decision to extend our nursery school federation and to explore a working partnership with a local Southwark primary school federation.

This partnership will bring valuable opportunities for close collaboration, allowing us to share resources and expertise for the benefit of all the children, families and staff.

I understand that you will have many questions and I will answer these as soon as we have more information.

I hope that you will join my fellow Governors and me in looking positively towards this new chapter for our nurseries.

Please note that children who attend Wednesday to Friday will finish for the summer holidays on Friday 15th July. Children attending Monday to Wednesday and those who are full-time will finish on Tuesday 19th July.

The children who are leaving at the end of the term will have a small leaving ceremony with children and staff to celebrate their time at Nell Gwynn.

Nell Gwynn resumes to returning children on Monday 5th September.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer break.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and 'J'.

Barry Joseph
Chair of Governors