



Dear Parents,

First of all I must say a very big thank you to all of our parents who attended our Academic Review Evening on Monday and Wednesday of this week. The teachers are always really happy to meet with their class parents and talk about the students in their class and the progress they are making. We received many comments from parents who were extremely complimentary about the work taking place in classes and the topics the children have been studying during this first term.

It has also been a very exciting week for our Year 5 and Year 6 students who have now received their iPads. It was a pleasure to see the beaming faces of the students as they came to collect their iPad during the Academic Review Evenings and they were all very eager to start using them in their lessons. Today is the first day for our students to bring in their iPads and the teachers have been busy preparing lessons where the iPads can be used to enhance the learning taking place in the classrooms. I can't wait to see the outcomes of this new initiative.

With the introduction of the iPads of course, comes the need for responsibility, and today's primary assembly was focused on our students understanding the need to be responsible; not only with regards to using the iPads but any equipment they may use at home or at school. We also talked about being responsible when being on a school trip since many of our year groups will shortly be going on educational visits to various parts of the city. The students gave some really fantastic suggestions on how they could be responsible both at home and at school and we are all keeping our eyes out for some responsible Stars of the Week next week! Next week will be our first Primary Class Assembly, with 5B sharing what they have been learning with their parents and peers.

Last but not least, I hope you managed to see the Primary News film which gave some updates on the primary school – one of which was information about our Assessment Workshops which will be taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This information was displayed at both of our Academic Review Evenings and parents were able to sign up to either the morning or evening workshop. If you did not have a chance to sign up then do not worry, you are still able to attend. We will be holding a workshop in the morning from 9am to 11am and then repeating this from 5pm to 7pm. This will aim to provide you with everything you need to know about the changes to assessment of the primary curriculum.

With best wishes,

Lisa Passante  
Head of Primary