



Dear Parents,

The countdown has certainly started for Christmas and this week whilst walking around the school, I have heard lots of beautiful singing coming from classrooms as our students prepare for their Christmas performances; our Infant students have even begun to rehearse in the Auditorium.

Added to this, preparations are also well underway for our Christmas Bazaar and our Early Years and Primary classes are, this year, all hosting fun games and activities on the day for children to participate in whilst their parents are busy shopping for Christmas gifts.

Preparing for Christmas means that the end of term will soon be upon us, but this also means that our teachers are busy writing end-of-term reports for our students. You will see a change in our end-of-term reports this year, as they will feature a lot more narrative about the subjects your child has been learning, and will also feature a summary of your child's current attainment. This links to our new assessment structure that we are now using in the Primary school which we introduced to parents earlier this week in our two assessment workshops.

It was super to see a large turnout at both our morning workshop and our evening workshop, despite the heavy rain. Mr Scrymgeour and I discussed with parents the reasons why we have changed our assessment structure and how we had been developing this with our teaching staff over the last three months. We shared examples of the documentation we are using to assess our students and explained what parents would receive at the end of each term. There was a lot of valuable discussion and suggestions from parents which we are taking back to our team in Primary in order to make our assessment process a productive element of the ongoing teaching and learning cycle at school.

Next week, I will be handing over the Primary baton to Mr Scrymgeour as I will be at our sister school, NAIS Dubai, where I will be meeting with my colleagues from other Nord Anglia schools to further discuss the development of assessment in our schools, moderating samples of students' work and planning how we develop our assessment materials into our Secondary schools. Following on from our assessment workshop at school and with the information I will bring back with me from NAIS Dubai, we will be preparing information to go out to all our Primary parents on our assessment practices.

I will most definitely be back in Shanghai in time for our Christmas Bazaar which I am thoroughly looking forward to.

Here's hoping for a dry weekend!

Best wishes,

Lisa Passante
Head of Primary