Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have had a wonderful and enjoyable Summer. As the new school year commences, there are important changes to the curriculum and assessment for you to be aware of.

From this September 2015, Years 1 through to 6 will all be taught the new national curriculum. Last year, teachers in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 planned all lessons from the new curriculum.

With this curriculum comes a government change to assessment for all state schools. From now, we will no longer use levels when making assessments. Instead, the DfE have introduced Age Related Expectations (ARE) for each year group from Year 1 upwards. These outline the end of year expectations for every child for Reading, Writing and Maths by the end of each school year.

The guide that follows details our school approach to assessment without levels, and provides you with the key end of year expectations for your child’s year group. This is also available on our school website.

There will be a parent workshop regarding assessment without levels on...Class teachers will also provide you with additional information in our class information evening. If you require any further information before this date, please contact Miss McCaffery or your child’s class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss McCaffery

Deputy Headteacher