

Cavendish News

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In this newsletter we hope to make you aware of some of the changes we have made to the way we use technology to make learning as enjoyable and effective as possible for our children.

One of the biggest developments has been the purchase of new devices for teachers to use with children in class (thank you to the PTA for their support in this). They have already had a great impact in terms of grabbing the children's attention and increasing their enthusiasm and we will be working hard to keep finding creative ways of using this and other technology.

We expect that children will use photo and video a lot more to demonstrate and explain what they have learnt in school and we are exploring a variety of ways to share this with you. One idea is to harness the power of social media and therefore, we have set up a school blog, a twitter account and a facebook account, which we will use to post links to video hosted on our own YouTube channel. So put the addresses below into your favourites and keep an eye out for any messages from school.

We understand that some of you will have reservations about your child's image being used in this manner. We have ensured that each of these accounts have the appropriate privacy and security settings and comments are vetted where possible and have updated our policies in school in line with their use. Please look at the reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter and let us know if you do not wish your child's image to be used in this manner. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that it is ok to go ahead and use photos and video featuring them.

The world of technology is ever changing. When our oldest children enter the world of work they will most likely be using devices and technology which hasn't yet been produced. Our aim at Cavendish is to stay as up to date as possible and provide our children with the opportunity to express themselves in as many ways as possible. We appreciate your support in this aim.

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PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO USAGE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM – JANUARY 2014

Please complete and return this slip to school by Friday 24 January 2014. If you do not sign and return this slip, we will assume that you are happy to have your child's photograph taken or video footage used as detailed below.

Child's Name Class:

I **DO/DO NOT (please delete as necessary)** give permission for my child, named above, to have his/her photograph taken or be recorded on video. This may be used on our school website, in school publications, on social networking sites, on YouTube or in the local or national media.

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:

Parent/Carer Name: