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Dear Parent/s,

There seems to be some confusion over our intended use of Twitter in the 4/5/6 classes. As stated in the Unit newsletter we will have one Twitter account that both grades will use. It will be used to communicate with other classes and help us learn about different things around the world.

It has never been our intention to give students their own Twitter account. The rules of Twitter are that users must be over 13 years of age. Therefore, schools use Twitter with a school account run by teachers. As stated in the Unit newsletter, only teachers know the password. Therefore, tweets can only be posted as a class with the teacher. At school, Tweets can also only be read with the teacher.

As shown in the screen shot below, we follow other primary school classes. Any requests to follow our tweets must be approved. We will only be approving primary schools and family members of our students. Before we choose to follow a class we research their past tweets and class blogs to check they are suitable.





Examples of 'tweets' from other schools and educational groups we follow.

Please note that we will not be putting photos of UPPS students on Twitter.

Many primary school classes use Twitter to enhance their learning and classroom programs. Classes have been able to communicate with people using Twitter that would normally not be possible. One class contacted Julia Gillard about NAPLAN results and received a response.

The decision to introduce Twitter into our classes is based on the success of other classes and the opportunity to connect globally. It is also an excellent opportunity to model good use of a social media site for students.

Please note that Twitter will remain blocked at school for students.

If you have any concerns or questions, please drop in or contact us via phone or email.

Kind regards,

Amy & Carolyn