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within our Christian family"*

Information on the pupil area of our website

Dear Parents,

Last year we launched a new website which has the facility to support our computing curriculum too. Our new website offers a pupil login with a number of features. It offers our pupils the chance to write blogs, have discussion pages, create online scrapbooks in a safe platform of a secure school website.

For children and teens, social media is an essential part of their lives, much the way telephones were important to us at their age. When they go to high school, they will undoubtedly be using mobile phones, accessing some form of social media and possibly creating an online profile. As with many things, there are many advantages of this communication but there are also many potential concerns so we need to teach children how to use the internet wisely.

All children will be identifiable by their own login and passwords and through computing lessons, we will teach them about how to interact with others in an online world; learn about responsibilities and behaviour online and develop an understanding of aspects of social media in a supported environment. Through the website, the blogs and discussions will be with children at our school. It does offer the facility to chat with other children at schools who use the 'School Spider' to host their website, although this facility isn't being used in this early stage.

Children will learn about online safety whilst using it. The blogs and discussions are filtered for vocabulary and children are able to report posts as they can on the web. This enables us to monitor usage provides an introduction to social media for primary children. We have already offered this facility to Year 6 and they have been a credit to themselves and have used it correctly. We are looking now to roll this out to Class 3. Please ask your child to show you their area and I am sure they will be keen to use this facility in and out of school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come in and discuss it, but I hope that you agree it is better for our children to learn about this in a secure environment before they are exposed to the multitude of apps and sites that are available.

Head Teacher

Kind regards,
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