

Keeping In Touch at Chertsey School

With the digital age there is now a wide variety of communication resources at our fingertips at no cost for our school to keep in touch with our community about what is happening.

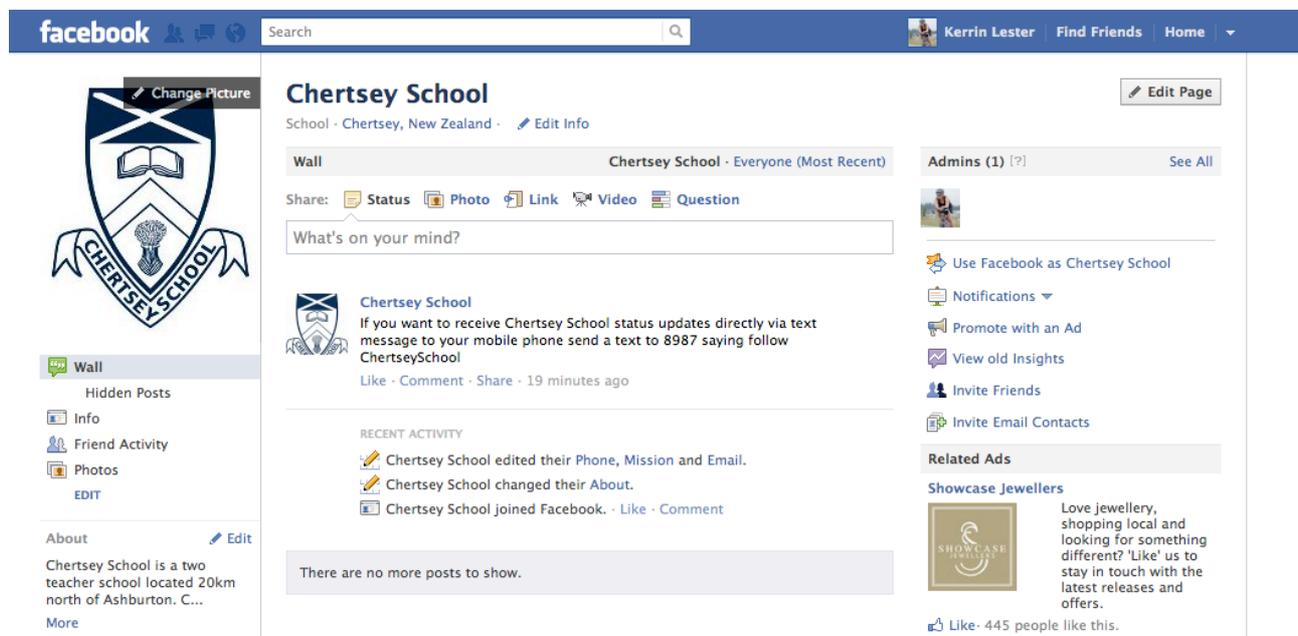
You don't have to be a techie geek! If you set up these services you never have to go back to the Twitter website or hang out on Facebook. The true value will become clear when your child's bus is late back from a trip, we have a school event planned and the weather is not playing along or the school deals with an event like an earthquake or snow day.

Want to stay in touch with what's happening at Chertsey School via Facebook?

You will need to have a Facebook account. Log in and go to

<http://www.facebook.com/ChertseySchool>

Click the 'Like' button and you will receive updates directly to your Facebook wall.

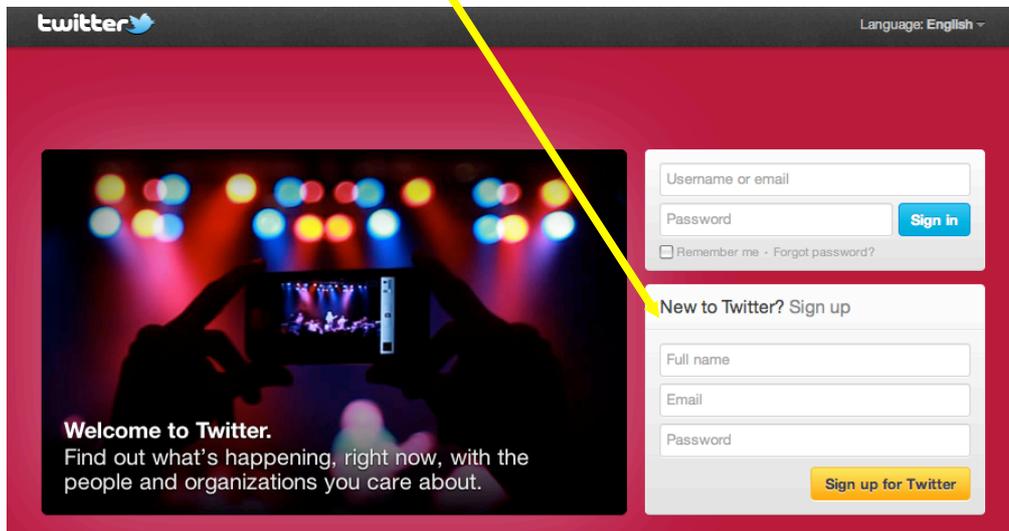


The screenshot shows the Facebook profile page for Chertsey School. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and the user's name 'Kerrin Lester' with options to 'Find Friends' and 'Home'. The profile picture is the school's crest, with a 'Change Picture' button above it. The page title is 'Chertsey School' with the location 'School · Chertsey, New Zealand' and an 'Edit Info' button. The main content area shows the 'Wall' section with a 'What's on your mind?' prompt and sharing options for Status, Photo, Link, Video, and Question. Below this is a post from Chertsey School with the text: 'If you want to receive Chertsey School status updates directly via text message to your mobile phone send a text to 8987 saying follow ChertseySchool'. The post has 19 minutes ago and options to Like, Comment, and Share. A 'RECENT ACTIVITY' section lists: 'Chertsey School edited their Phone, Mission and Email.', 'Chertsey School changed their About.', and 'Chertsey School joined Facebook.' with Like and Comment options. A message at the bottom of the post area says 'There are no more posts to show.' The right sidebar contains 'Admins (1) [?]' with a 'See All' link, a 'Use Facebook as Chertsey School' button, 'Notifications', 'Promote with an Ad', 'View old Insights', 'Invite Friends', and 'Invite Email Contacts'. Below that is a 'Related Ads' section for 'Showcase Jewellers' with a small image and text: 'Love jewellery, shopping local and looking for something different? 'Like' us to stay in touch with the latest releases and offers.' and 'Like · 445 people like this.'

Want to stay in touch with what's happening at Chertsey School via your Telecom or Vodafone mobile phone?

You will need to have a Twitter account. Even if Twitter is something that you will never ever use again I strongly encourage you to do this so that you can be kept up to date with what's happening directly through your mobile phone (and it is completely free!).

Go to www.twitter.com and **create an account**.

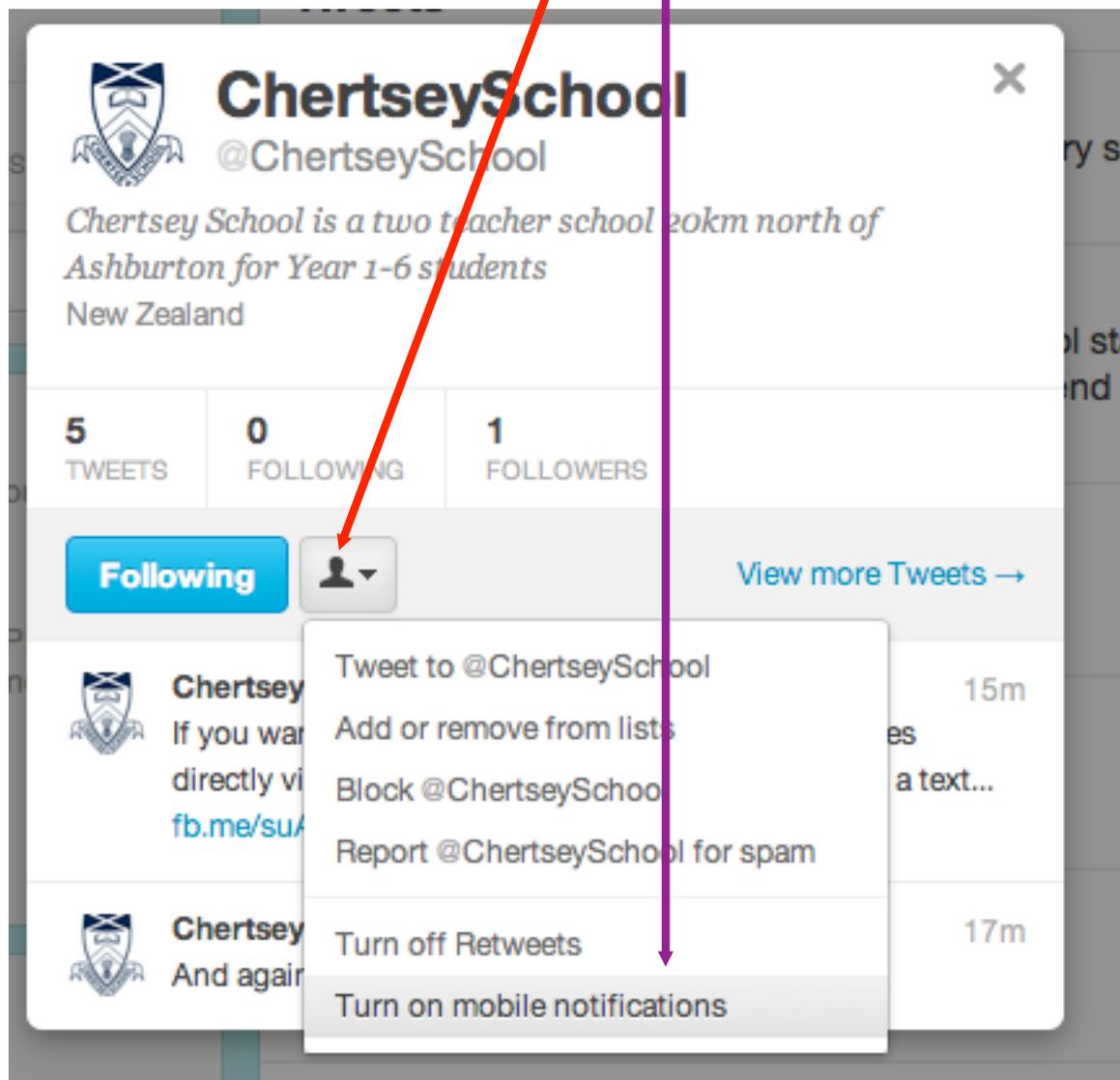


Grab your mobile phone and send a text message to 8987 the says follow ChertseySchool. You should get a reply that says "You're now following @ChertseySchool"

On your twitter page click on the **ChertseySchool** name



In the window that appears click on the **person icon** and click on the mobile notifications setting and click on **Turn on mobile notifications**



Now anytime a post is placed on the Chertsey School Facebook page you will receive the post directly to your mobile phone at no charge to you or the school.

Argh! Stop! This is all a bit too much for me!!

If you would like some help setting up these accounts please don't be afraid to ask! I will be available most Fridays after assembly. All you need to bring with you is your Facebook username and password (if you have one) and your mobile phone. If you can't come in on one of those days please get in contact and we can arrange another time.