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Dear parents/carers,

This week we reopened the school to some of our children. It was so lovely to see them and their behaviour and concentration in school was fantastic; it was a pleasure having them back. We will be welcoming more children back to school next week. Can I remind parents that we ask you to respect the 2m distancing rules when dropping off and picking up your children. Children can be dropped off at 8:45am and picked up at 3:30pm. We ask that children come to school in school uniform (where possible), if they have outgrown their uniform then comfortable clothes to move around in. They need to bring a packed lunch (in a sealed container) and bring a drinks bottle. As all the windows and doors need to be open around the school to allow a constant free flow of air, your children may want to wear layers. It was a lot cooler this week and we certainly felt a breeze around the school. We are also asking that children bring a coat with them as they will be going outside throughout the day.

Have you learnt a new skill, done something new?

We thought it would be a great idea to share with you all different things the children have learnt or developed whilst learning from home. It would be lovely to see lots of photographs of the children sharing their new skills with us. This could be something that they have conquered in their learning challenges, or something completely different. This week I would like to share 3 children's skills:

 Darcie has been busy developing her endurance skills by practicing riding her bike. She told me that it was tricky but she just kept going and didn't give up! Well done Darcie, this is a skill for life and you have mastered it. Great job!



Hayden and Ollie have been busy using tools in the shed to help produce their fantastic wind chimes that Mr Thomas had set as a forest school activity this week. I'm sure you would agree that both boys have worked extremely hard using lots of different skills and their final wind chimes look amazing. Well done both Hayden and Ollie.



Maths activity sheets for yr 1 to 6

As both classes are now using the White Rose Maths learning for daily maths lessons I will be printing off copies of the daily activity sheets for the children who need them. These will be available on Tuesday after 10am in the box outside school. Please come along and help yourself to a copy. There will also be new exercise books and writing pens available for those children who need them.

New government guidance

Please find a link to the latest government guidance regarding school opening:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

A piece of art work from the children



In our weekly staff meetings, staff have been brainstorming different ways that we can bring the whole school together. We would like to create a collage of all the children and display this at the front of school with a message from the children and staff. We are asking that all the children draw and colour a self portrait; they can use paints, pastels or colouring pencils to colour this in. If we could have all the portraits at school by **WEDNESDAY** then staff can collate the pictures and display them at the front of the school. You can post the portraits through the letter box at the school. We miss the all children and are looking forward to

the day we can finally open the doors to Northlew Primary and welcome back all of our wonderful children and their families, until then we will be reminded of them with their fantastic art work!

Keeping In Contact

As always staff at Northlew try to keep regular contact with families. This is done through daily feedback on the class dojo, emails, weekly newsletters and information as well as phone calls home. Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns that you wish to discuss and staff will get back to you. Remember as we have always said, some days are better than others and that is ok.

Once again, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your continual support with your child's learning.

Keep safe, keep well. Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cook

