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Dear parents/carers,

As the numbers of children returning to school continue to grow, we have had to open a waiting list. Currently across both classrooms we have availability to accommodate 9 children following the government's 2m social distancing measures, and we have filled all these spaces. I have contacted some parents this week to let them know that this could possibly change over the coming weeks if the government reduce the social distancing measures to 1m. Until then we will be placing your children on our waiting list; priority will be given to key worker children, children in EYFS (reception), year 1 and 6 and those vulnerable children first.

Teachers will continue to provide remote learning through the class Dojo site for those children still learning from home. All staff are impressed with the high amount of engagement the children are showing with the Dojo and would once again like to thank the children and parents for their continual support in these challenging times.

[Our message from the children and staff](#)

A huge thank you to all the children who have already completed a self-portrait and brought it down to school. We have displayed all the pictures in the front windows of the school - We Miss you all and cannot wait to have all the children back to school.



Have you met a new challenge and conquered it?

We would like to continue sharing with you some of the fantastic things the children of Northlew have been up to over the last few weeks. It is lovely to see that the children are still demonstrating our Christian values through these difficult times, whilst learning lots of new skills along the way.

Grace has been spending time developing her art and drawing techniques and has produced a beautiful picture of her fish tank at home. She has downloaded a book to help teach her how to draw animals and plans on teaching herself how to draw a dog next. Great work Grace I'm really like how you are taking time to learn and develop a new skill.



Winnie has spent time with mum developing her arts and crafts abilities and with lots of time and patience has created this wonderful paper flower. It is so lovely seeing you developing a new skill together with mum and the final results are definitely worth it. Well done, looking forward to seeing what you make next!



Both Charlie and Harry have been busy working on a history project together to create a very impressive structure of an aqueduct. It is so lovely to see you both collaborating and communicating together with super teamwork to complete your structure together, well done boys!



Forest School Donations



This summer term we planned on developing the outside space in our forest school area, with a developed mud kitchen area and work stations for the children to get creative. We are also looking at developing a willow hut for the children to be able to participate in outside learning. If you can help with any resources that you have lying around (pallets, wood, logs etc) we would be extremely grateful for any donations.

Residential Refunds

Our co-ordinator for residential across our Federations schools as been busy over the last few months cancelling our residential visits and organising refunds for parents. The money from several places has now been returned to our financial team and parents should be receiving their refunds over the next few weeks.

Mental Health and Well being

As weeks have turned into months, we do appreciate that supporting your children at home with their learning can be extremely difficult. It is important that we look after ourselves in order to help other people in our family. The link below has some useful videos and activities you may want to look at with your children: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Class Dojo Usage

Please take a look at our new Class Dojo tab on the school website, which states acceptable usage and also the privacy policy.

Keep in Touch

Staff meet regularly to discuss ways we can help to support parents to support their children. If you do feel you need to talk to a member of staff please do contact us directly through the class dojo site or email - admin@northlew.devon.sch.uk and we will get back to you. Once again on behalf of the team at Northlew, we would like to thank you for all your hard work, support and encouragement of your child/ren's home learning in these strange and challenging times.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cook

How to nurture a child's mental health

