

Dear parents/carers,

A huge thank you to all the children and parents who have fully engaged in the learning activities the staff at Northlew have set the children this week. It has been lovely to see children participating in a range of activities from playing a musical instrument, singing, PE, maths, writing, art and forest school. It has been such a positive response and we hope that this continues. Staff meet online regularly during the week to discuss technical issues, planning and ideas to help support your child/ren at home. If you are having difficulties or need support, please do not hesitate to contact us directly through email:

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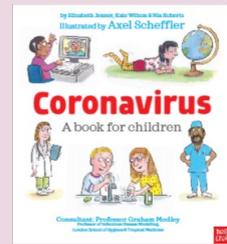
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Or alternatively contact us directly on the class dojo. We are trying to put together activities that are engaging and challenging, but also consider the curriculum that we would be covering if we were at school. Staff are becoming more confident in creating tutorials and I've even found myself going back to the 'good ole days' of teaching using a blackboard and chalk!! You may find some tutorials and teaching being uploaded the night before. I'm finding that this is working better for me as I have 3 children that I'm also home schooling which can prove difficult leaving it to the morning, as I have discovered this week!

Please take time to look at the link below:

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

It is a lovely book which explains Coronavirus to children really well.



Mental health is extremely important and we are aware that children and parents may experience difficulties in this very unsettling time. Please do contact us if you are having difficulties and staff will hopefully be able to help support you or point you in the right direction to receive the support you need. We are here to help support you as well as your children. Staff having been contacting families over the last few weeks and this will continue as we feel touching base with the children as well as parents helps to ease anxiety for everyone during these uncertain times. Mrs Quick has been delivering hampers to some of our Free School Meal parents in the village and has told us how nice it is to see parents and children on her weekly visits.

Remember that some days are going to be better than others,, and that is ok. This is completely unknown to all of us and I'm sure we will all fall into a pattern and this will become the children's somewhat 'normal' routine.

Once again a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Remember if there is anything that we can do to further support your child/ren or yourselves, please do not hesitate to ask.

Fingers crossed that the sun continues to shine.

Hope you all keep safe and well and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cook

For the latest Government information, please visit:

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