

Dear parents/carers,

What a beautiful week of weather we have had. It certainly has helped with the children being able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air on our daily exercise.

Once again a massive thank you to the children and parents for the continuous efforts that have been made and the engagement with class dojo from both classes. I check both classes dojo sites every evening and I am extremely proud of the efforts that the children are doing both academically but also importantly engagement with family, helping out around the house, cooking and being creative. Staff really appreciate both time and effort made by everyone in these challenging circumstance. If you have any problems or questions that you need to ask then please do message us on the dojo site or on our individual emails below:

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Staff are working hard to continue with the curriculum and educate your children as best as we can remotely and with the limited resources that we have. If you are finding that your child is struggling with a particular aspect of the learning, please do let us know and we will try our best to accommodate their needs in an alternative way.

As you can appreciate staff are receiving learning remotely on a daily basis. We feel that it is extremely important to respond to as many of these pieces and give the children and parents some instant feedback. However, sometimes this may not be possible or there maybe too many pieces to mark through in one evening, but please be reassured that all learning is being looked at but may not necessarily be commented on. As children are uploading their learning tasks straight onto the dojo site it has been agreed at a recent heads of school meeting that we no longer require parents to complete a weekly time table as the evidence of children's learning is clear to see.

Reading is extremely important and we ask parents to continue with this as much as possible please. A fantastic and useful website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> is free and children have access to a wide range of fiction and non fiction books (which are coloured banded) and also have the option to listen to stories as well as read them. Can we ask that you continue to complete your child/ren's reading records which will be helpful for staff when the children return to school. Another useful free site is : <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> which has a wide range of phonics activities with interactive games for the children to practice, use and apply their phonics knowledge to read and spell words.

Finally, we have had several parents who have contacted us to say that their children have almost completed their exercise book they were given when the school was closed. I have spoken to Liz our cleaner, who will this evening, leave a box of exercise books at the front of the school in a box. Please feel free to come down and help yourself if you need one.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and once again a massive thank you to all of our parents for supporting our children to continue to 'Let their Light Shine' and be the best that they can be. The staff of Northlew are really enjoying seeing their videos and creations .

Let's hope the weather continues and we can get outside to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. Keep safe and look after each other.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cook