



Dear Parents,

You will know that the NPCAT has planned for a phased return of children after the half term break. Initially Y6 can attend from 8th June and Y1 from 15th June. FS1 and FS2 are not currently planned to return.

Please see the Trust letter which is on our website by clicking on the link below

<https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/smartfile/npcat-stjosephs/uploads/2020/05/18143936/18.05.20-Letter-to-Parents-and-Carers.pdf>

School will continue to be open for children of key workers and to vulnerable children. Please contact school if you are unsure if your child belongs to either category.

I am currently planning the practical issues linked to a wider reopening and will inform you of these once these are complete.

Working at Home

Teachers will continue to set work. As we are open every day during next week's half term break, teachers are having a staggered break across this week and next so that there are always sufficient teachers in school. So don't worry if you don't hear from your child's class teacher for a few days, they will be back! Remember to contact school if you have any questions or issues accessing work online



Some parents have asked for work during weekly welfare calls and staff have created paper packs but there are quite a few uncollected packs in the school entrance. Please come and get them if you have asked for resources.

A huge well done to those children who are engaging really well with the work that is being set. Your teachers let me know how well you are doing.

Chaplaincy Competition

Angela O'Brien, the NPCAT Chaplaincy lead has launched a competition for all children and she has asked us to let you know about it. There is a prize of £30 in vouchers.

In these times of uncertainty, there are many people who wonder why God would let something like this happen.

Despite this, believers are flooding social media, reaching out to their places of faith, as faith leaders reach to them in return. They pray in earnest and yearn to be back in their places of worship. Why do they do this? What is your response in these times?

Explore your response to these questions by creating a piece of original art, a poem, a song or a dance. Add a short explanation of your piece.

Send your entry to project35-35@npcat.org.uk by Sunday 31st May. 2 weeks to go!

I know some children have entered already so get those entries in!

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, Mrs Farrier can do a very simple check for you. Please contact school and we will let you know what information we need for these checks. If eligible, you will receive vouchers for £3 a day for each child. So please don't miss out if your circumstances have changed. We are getting extremely prompt responses from Redcar and Cleveland so don't hesitate to let us know.

Welfare Calls

All schools in our Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust are contacting families regularly. This will continue as long as the lockdown continues. For safeguarding reasons, please make sure you call us back if we miss you!

Mrs Lawson

We have had a lovely 'socially distanced' celebration with Mrs Lawson today. The children have made cakes and decorations and learnt a lovely song especially for the occasion. Thanks to those who have sent cards and gifts in and to those Y6 who emailed me a card, I will put the photo story online so that you can enjoy it. We will all miss Mrs Lawson and wish her well in her new post.



Please take care everyone,

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