

The Mease Federation

It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13:31-32



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families

Happy New Year! I was pleased to welcome back our children and families this week. It was lovely to see the smiley faces bounding in to school with lots of lovely tales to tell about their Christmas time.

On Monday, our staff took part in training to look at trauma and we explored 'Emotion Coaching'. Although this is an approach we tend to use across the Federation, we now have a shared understanding of emotion coaching which will ensure that it is used consistently throughout the school. As a parent myself, I found it really interesting and I am looking to see if we could book some parent sessions as it is a powerful tool to use at home. Please let the office know if you would be interested in attending a session.

Our Christian Distinctiveness advisor came into school on Monday afternoon and looked at the children's RE books. They were really impressed with the teaching and learning which was evident in our children's books and our class big books. They could see that our children are immersed in balanced RE of theology, philosophy and human sciences. Led by Miss Warner, our staff have planned high quality lessons and continue to strive to provide the very best education for our children.

Parental support at home is really important and has such a positive impact on our children's learning experiences. Please remember to visit the class pages to see the Spring 1 overview about what your children will be learning this half term and the topics that they will be exploring. The class blogs also showcase this learning in action.

Next week, Year 3 & 4 have been invited to take part in the Federation Dodge Ball tournament against other schools in the TSSMAT. This will take place at Rugeley Leisure centre. I will update you next week and let you know how we got on. It is fantastic that our children are out competing again. They will certainly wear the Mease Kits with pride.

It's that time of year when there are an abundance of germs and there seems to be a bout of Chicken Pox and Measles going around. Please refer to the information in this newsletter in regard to guidance and timeframes. Although we are focusing on improving attendance and limiting unnecessary absence, we must be sensible in our approach to illnesses and follow the guidelines in order to keep our school community safe. Thank you all for your support in this matter.

In terms of the Academisation process, we are well on the way, however the timeline has been pushed back due to land issues. However, we are now hopeful that our Academisation with the TSSMAT will take place in early March.

As always, we have an 'open door' approach so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Mills

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 15th January

SH Active. Send children in their PE Kits



Wednesday 17th January

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits
MAT Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Competition—By invite only



Thursday 18th January

Census Day

But they that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up
with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31



Dinners for Week Commencing 15th January 2024

This week is: Week 2 – see information regarding Census Day!

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	<p>Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Pizza Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p>Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard (V)</p>	<p>Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p>
	6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24	13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24	30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

For Information

January 18th—Census

On Thursday 18th January, it is School Census Day. We will not be having the food stated on the menu, it will be an alternative menu as shown below. We are asking as many people as possible to have a school dinner on this day. This will go towards future funding for the school. Thank you for your continued support



Special Menu

Chicken Nuggets, Chips & BBQ
Beans



Weekly Blogs

Find out what the children have been up to in their classes this week using the links below.

Class One— [Class Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

Class Two— [Class Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

Class Three— [Class Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

PE Days

PE Days for this half term will be Mondays and Wednesdays.

Children to come into school wearing PE kits.

Thank you

Discounted British Basketball Tickets

Our school has been selected to receive an incredible offer of tickets for the **British Basketball League Trophy Semi Finals at just £5 each.**

It's the first event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 9,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **Utilita Arena Birmingham** to enjoy the all men's Semi Finals action live.

Taking place on **Saturday 27th January**, the day includes the Final Four showdown and will decide the top two men's teams to compete the following day in the Trophy Finals, alongside plenty of sensational entertainment courtside.

Book your £5 tickets here: <https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/trophyprimary>

To add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

Schedule

2.30pm Doors Open

3.30pm Men's Semi Final 1

6.00pm Men's Semi Final 2

8.00pm Doors Close

Help wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help varnish our new Reading Throne and Stools for our outdoor area. If you could spare any time to help us do this, please contact the office.

Many thanks.

Attendance

Think measles!

Vaccination rates have fallen, and cases of measles are increasing.

Measles is highly infectious, the most infectious of all diseases transmitted through the respiratory route. Measles can be severe, particularly in immunosuppressed individuals and young infants. It is also more severe in pregnancy, and increases the risk of miscarriage, stillbirth, or preterm delivery:

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has said the risk of a measles epidemic across the UK is considered small - but there are now growing concerns over a rise in confirmed cases. For more information follow the link to

National measles guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-measles-guidelines>

How to manage cases of suspected measles: what patient details to take, who to notify and assessing risk of disease spreading in close contacts.

More detailed information about Measles and school trips can be found

[advice on measles and school trips.](#)

Measles is a notifiable disease in England and Wales. You must inform local health protection Unit (HPU) of suspected cases.

Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.

Watch out for MEASLES
Symptoms & Prevention

Symptoms

- High temperature
- Runny or blocked nose
- Cough and sneezing
- Red, watery eyes
- White spots inside the mouth
- Red rashes appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin
- Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline

Prevention

- Wash your hands frequently with an alcohol-based rub
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid sharing food, water, utensils and other items contaminated by saliva
- If you are infected, isolate at home for at least 4 days
- Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable to the infection
- Give infants the first dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine between 12 and 15 months

More information can be found online at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

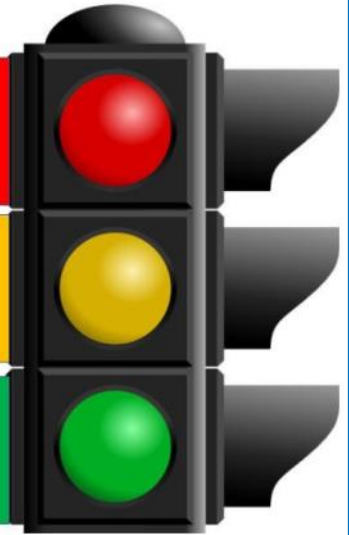
Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

96% - 90%
Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!



Across our Federation, we expect good attendance to ensure that all pupils are able to take full advantage of the education available to them. Good attendance matters.

Pupils who have good attendance: **Get better jobs in the future, Achieve better results, Make better friendships, Have good self-esteem and confidence**

We strive for every child to achieve 96% attendance or higher. Please do not be offended if you are told that we are concerned about your child's attendance or if you receive a letter of concern. Attendance falls under the category of safeguarding and it is our duty of care to challenge and support attendance. If we can help in any way please contact Miss Mills or the office. Thank you.

Attendance figures for this week

Class One - 98.90%

Class Two - 97.80%

Class Three - 92%

Medical Appointments

Could we kindly remind parents, to try and book medical appointments outside of school times. We do understand that there are occasions when this is not always possible. Thank you!

Dates to Note

DATES TO NOTE

January 2024

Thursday 18th January—Census

Tuesday 30th January - Please return your Bag2School

February

w/c Monday 5th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

Monday 19th February—Children back at school

Tuesday 27th February Parents Evening (times to be confirmed)

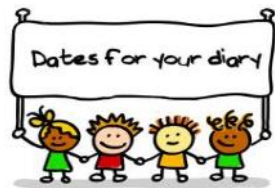
Wednesday 28th February 12pm—**Class 1**—Mothers Day Lunch.

March

Wednesday 6th March—9.15am Mothering Sunday Church Service

Wednesday 6th March 12pm—**Class 2**—Mothers Day Lunch

Wednesday 13th March 12pm—**Class 3**—Mothers Day Lunch



Dojo Scores



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores
Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 31

Earth - 28

Fire - 20

Water - 1

Well done Air!