

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

AUTUMN TERM 2

15th December 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Mrs Gethin



We are moving closer to your schools, St Andrew's and Mary Howard, joining our Trust, The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust which currently consists of four, beautiful, rural schools.

It has been an absolute pleasure across the year to build relationships with Governors, staff and children across The Mease Federation. Ralph and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the children properly last week and having a beautiful meal at Mary Howard; I was grateful to them for their hospitality.

It's also been very special to close the calendar year this Christmas by being blessed to attend the Christingle services for both schools in their local churches and it was great to meet families and communities as well as hear the children sing, share readings and prayers. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust, Ralph and I wish you all a very happy, restful and family filled Christmas and New Year.

CS Gethin

Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph.



What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 18th December

SH Active—PE Kits required
SH Active—After school club—3.30pm-4.30pm



Tuesday 19th December

Nativity in Church 9.15

Deadline for receipt of reverse advent calendar donations



Wednesday 20th December

SH Active—PE Kits



Thursday 21st December

Christmas Lunch—children who have not ordered lunch please ensure they bring in packed lunch



Friday 22nd December Last Day—Break up for Christmas!

Christmas Jumper Day!

Wow Work Worship & Dojo Bronze Awards 9am

Santa Visit 13.30

Class Christmas Parties

Afterschool club ends at 4.30pm

Dinners for Week Commencing 18th December

This week is: Week 3

| | WEEK ONE | WEEK TWO | WEEK THREE |
|------------------|--|--|---|
| MONDAY | <p>Mac & Cheese (V) <i>or</i> Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p> | <p>Vegetable Lasagne (V) <i>or</i> Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p> | <p>Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) <i>or</i> Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p> |
| TUESDAY | <p>Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) <i>or</i> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p> | <p>Chicken Paella (Wg) <i>or</i> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p> | <p>Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg) <i>or</i> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p> |
| WEDNESDAY | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <i>or</i> Chickpea & Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)</p> | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <i>or</i> Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)</p> | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <i>or</i> Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)</p> |
| THURSDAY | <p>Tuna & Pea Pesto Pasta (Wg) <i>or</i> Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p> | <p>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) <i>or</i> Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard (V)</p> | <p>Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) <i>or</i> Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p> |
| FRIDAY | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <i>or</i> Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)</p> | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <i>or</i> Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p> | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <i>or</i> Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p> |
| | <p>4/9/23, 25/9/23, 16/10/23, 6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24</p> | <p>11/9/23, 2/10/23, 23/10/23, 13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24</p> | <p>18/9/23, 9/10/23, 30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24</p> |

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

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



BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Mary Howard CofE Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 30th January 2024 by 9am



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

Our reverse advent calendar started Friday 1st December

We will be collecting donations until Tuesday 19th ready for packing up & delivering to Tamworth food bank on Wednesday 20th.

Please drop any donations to the office with Mrs Boag. Names will go on our reverse advent calendar board in reception & children will receive a highly coveted Koinonia dojo for each donation!

More information on Tamworth food bank & the Trussell Trust can be found at <https://Tamworth.foodbank.org.uk/>

Items that are especially needed in are: Tinned fruit, toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel), small bottles of squash, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, small jars of coffee, gluten free food, 10/12 month + baby food

Items the food bank currently have plenty of are: beans, tomatoes, tea bags, size 2 and 4 nappies, baby formula.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support at this time of year!



For Information

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION AT CHURCH



For Information

*****Wraparound Care Clubs*****

Booking forms are available from the office. Please ensure you have booked in advance. Deadline for the return of booking forms in readiness for next term is **Wednesday 20th December**.

Payment will be needed prior to attendance. Please log on to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding amounts.

Thank you for your continued support!

This may be subject to change

PLEASE ALSO NOTE AFTERSCHOOL CLUB FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER FINISHES AT 4.30PM

Parents Forum

There will be a representative for each class from the Parent Forum.

They are as follows:

Class 1 Rachel Hobbs

Class 2 Laura Raybould

Class 3 Sue Keeley

New Reception Intake 2024

If your child attends a local nursery, please could you pick up some leaflets from our school office and ask your nursery if they could distribute them to potential new

*****Leave during School Term*****

From Monday 4th December, any requests that are received for leave during term time and are not deemed exceptional circumstances will automatically be referred to Staffordshire County Council for consideration of a penalty notice being issued. This will apply to all children that are of compulsory school age and is in line with our Attendance Policy which supports our aim to improve overall school attendance. If you would like any further information, please contact the office.

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](#)

Spark Winter Reading Fun with the Free Online Winter Mini Challenge!

This is a **free** online Winter Mini Challenge! The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust this year, to encourage children to unleash the power of play, sport, and physical activity through reading. This bite-sized challenge is perfect for keeping young minds active during the holidays. The

Winter Mini Challenge is **online** where children can unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities. All children are eligible, so please to join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1st of December.



Snowdome Trip



Attendance



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

| | Until... |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

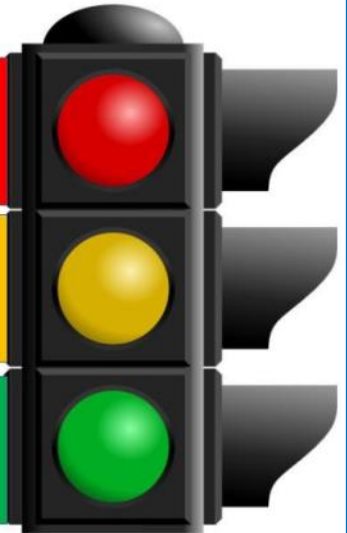
Why is it important?

| 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 - 97%

Class Two - 98%

Class Three - 97%

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!

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

Parent Invites

Whole School Nativity



On Tuesday 19th December, the whole school will be performing their Nativity in Church at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to attend. Letters regarding lines etc will be sent home shortly. The children

Wow Work Worship

This term's Wow Work Worship will take place on Friday 22nd December at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend. Please see nominations below.

Adalie - Year 1

Kye - Year 2

Rhea - Year 3

Darci - Year 4

Elodie - Year 5

Matilda - Year 6

The following children will receive Headteacher Good Behaviour Certificate.

Phoebe - Class 1

George M- Class 2

Harry - Class 3

**** Please also see Dojo Bronze award list****

PARENTS INVITED



Achievement outside of school

Well Done Brooke!

Brooke came 2nd in her first gymnastics competition!



Well Done James & Alfie

For receiving an achievement certificate in Karate.



Dates to Note

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December

Tuesday 19th December—Nativity in Church—9.15am

Whole school involvement (*MH no snack orders, please send children in with their own snacks*)

Tuesday 19th December - Final Day Donations for Reverse Advent!

Thursday 21st December—Christmas Dinner Day

children who haven't ordered a dinner must be sent with a packed lunch

Friday 22nd December—Wow Work Worship—9am

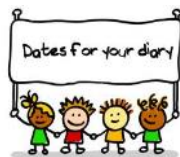
Friday 22nd December—Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties & Break up for Christmas

January

Monday 8th January—Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January—Children return to school

Tuesday 30th January - Please return your Bag2School



Dojo Scores



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 69

Earth - 61

Fire - 80

Water - 70

Well done to Fire!

Dojo Awards Bronze Certificate:

Adalie, Alfie, Amelia, Betty, Brooke, Isla, Charlie, Eliza, Elodie, Evangeline, Harry, Henry, Holly, Inaaya, Kye, Luke, Maisie, Maiya, Matilda, Max, Nicky, Olivia Ba, Olivia G, Phoebe, Ruby, Reuben, Thomas

****Parents Invited****

Friday 22nd December at 9am

Wow Work Worship Assembly