

Dear families

It's week two and both schools are thriving. There is a learning 'buzz' around school. The children are enjoying their new topics, so please have a look at the *Class pages and Class blogs*.

We have been referring to our new vision, values and motto and the children are already looking at how they are using *Koinonia, Wisdom, Love and Perseverance* in their everyday lives. Thank you to Revd John who led *Wednesday Worship at St Andrew's*. He introduced our new values of *Koinonia*, which is at the heart of *fellowship, community and working together*. The children will be sharing these with you later in the term.

Our new after school clubs have been a success and children are taking part in *quality PE lessons*. This week we have voted in the new school council so there is a representative from each year group.

The new timelines have been purchased and are now displayed in the corridors. We have personalised events from our local history. This will help children be able to contextualise their learning and be able to place their learning on the timeline, making connections to what has come before and after the era they are studying.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Gethin and Ralph to our staff meeting. She is the CEO of the Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust, that we will be joining in the new year. There is a parent session next Thursday, a letter regarding details has been sent home.

I would like to thank Sarah Ennis, for her inspirational hymn practices. The children look forward to these sessions and just in one session the singing improved with her direction. Sarah is busy preparing our children for the Harvest church services.

What a fantastic week!

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes,

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher

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

This week, a letter regarding Mrs Gethin's dog Ralph coming in to school has been sent home. Please complete the slip and return to the office if necessary. A full risk assessment has been completed, if you would like to read a copy, please ask at the school office, thank you.

Academy Photography—Tuesday 19th September

Any families that have siblings that don't attend Mary Howard can come in between 8.15 and 8.45am to have their photographs taken. All other photos will be taken during the morning.

Please ensure all children are wearing full school uniform and their best smile—Thank you!



Please let the school office know if you have had any changes to your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, emails etc. It is important that we have correct contact details for you!



Dojo Update

Class Dojo (<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>)

Parents are given a code to log in to Class Dojo once their child has started school. The app can then be downloaded to a phone or accessed on a PC.

Positive behaviour is rewarded with our online Dojo points system. Each child has their own unique emoji character, which they can modify, through which they attempt to reach targets in order to receive certificates.



Children earn points based on our values of *Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance*. Through the app, parents can see how many Dojos their child has earned in a day, and why it was awarded.

Dojo points are collected throughout the school year. Certificates are awarded during our half-termly Wow Worship assemblies, in which parents are invited to see their children receive their awards.

once the below number of points are reached:

- 50 Dojo Points-Bronze certificates
- 100 Dojo Points- Silver certificates
- 150 Dojo Points-Gold certificates
- 200 Dojo Points –Platinum Certificates

School Uniform

We have been really pleased with how smart the children have looked since we returned to school in their appropriate school uniform.

On PE days (Mondays and Thursdays), children will continue to come to school in their school PE kit to minimise loss of lesson time and loss of clothing. However, this PE kit need to be smart and comprises of:

Plain black shorts

Plain white t-shirts or polo shirt

Plain black track suit jumper or zipped track suit top

Plain black Trainers

No logoed brands on clothing or football kits please- We have the same expectations and standards for our PE kits as we do for our school uniform.

For further information please visit:

Mary Howard: [Uniform | The Mease Federation](#)

St. Andrews: [Uniform | The Mease Federation](#)

House Points

This year our house point teams have changed to:

WATER

AIR

FIRE

EARTH

Children have been made aware of what house they are in, please make sure to ask them!



Attendance

Our attendance target this year is 97%. Please help us achieve this by minimising unnecessary absences. Thank you.

Please be reminded that the gates open at 8:45 and Daily Worship starts at 9am prompt.

As we start a new school year, we have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide you with some information regarding illness and school attendance.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have made some parents/carers worried about whether their child is well enough to be in school, so the NHS has laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance figures for this week.

Class One - 97.50%

Class Two - 90.77%

Class Three - 98.89%



Dinners for Week Commencing 18th September

This week is: Week 3

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	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)	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)	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)
TUESDAY	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)	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)	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)
WEDNESDAY	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)	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)	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)
THURSDAY	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)	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)	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)
FRIDAY	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)	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)	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)
	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	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	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

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain



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

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 19th September—Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 21st September—Academy Parent Sessions (details sent home)

Friday 22nd September—John Taylor working with Year 6—Maths

Thursday 28th September—MacMillan Morning (details to follow)

October—Black History Month

Monday 9th October— World Mental Health week (details to follow)

Tuesday 10th October –World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October—PE Enrichment Day

Wednesday 11th October— Harvest Festival (details to follow)

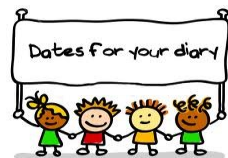
Thursday 12th October –Flu Vaccinations (further information on Dojo)

Monday 23rd October— Thank you Vicar Week

Friday 27th October—WOW Worship—9am

Friday 27th October –Half Term

Monday 6th November— Children back in school



Weekly Blogs

Find out what the children have been up to in their classes and in Wraparound 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](#)

Wraparound—[Wraparound Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

Going forward, if anyone owes over £50 for a particular ParentPay item, these services will be stopped until the balance is cleared. Weekly texts will continue to be sent on a Friday if there is any debt on the account. We appreciate the increased cost of living is making finances difficult but with how small our schools are, we simply cannot cover the debts that have accumulated.

If you are finding things difficult, please reach out to us and come and see Miss Mills to come up with a plan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rock up & Read

On the first Friday of every month, we have Rock up and Read in school. We were wondering if any parents would be interested in doing refreshments (tea, coffee, croissants etc) for the parents/carers attending. All money raised from this would go into the school fund which helps to provide extra things for the children. If you are interested, please speak to the school office.

School Council

Well done to our new School Council members—Holly, Nicky, Sienna, Maiya, Elodie and Amelia!





Well done to Alfie for receiving several rosettes and certificates at the Edingale Summer Show!

This Week's Dojo Scores

Water— 49

Fire— 58

Air— 76

Earth- 39

Well done Air!



Well done to Matilda for getting 1st place for her poster at the Edingale Summer Show!



AWESOME ANIMALS

A free, flexible, 4-week online family learning course

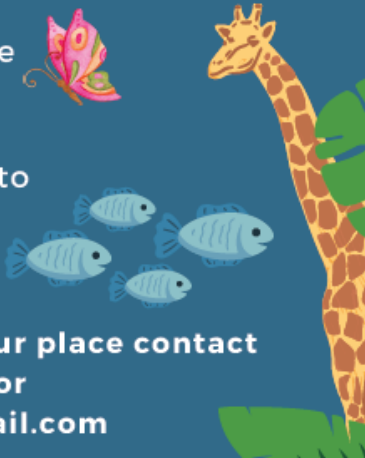
Starting Friday 15th September

For families in Staffordshire, with children aged 3-8

Your family will receive a fantastic weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you! From crafts, to cooking, to activities to support local wildlife, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family. Once enrolled on this course, you will receive an exclusive invitation to our live Autumn Family Event. Details TBC.

- Is your child animal mad?
- Are you looking for something flexible to do as a family around work and school?
- Would you like to support your child to develop a wide range of skills, as well as an early love of the natural world?

For more information and to reserve your place contact
Rebecca on 07525 120117 or
communityforestservices@gmail.com



FOREST SCHOOLS FOR FAMILIES

Free, 8 week, online course starting Friday 6th October.
For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, forest school activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. To reserve your place or for more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, the arts, and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience.

Families are also introduced to activities and resources to support mental health and wellbeing. Your family will also be invited to an exclusive Family Autumn Event - details TBC.

This course is free for families in Staffordshire.