

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,

What an exciting week we have had, topped off by our Year 3 & 4 children winning the Dodgeball tournament at Rugeley leisure Centre against the other four schools in the MAT. The children played well as a team and managed to win overall by 1 point. It is great that the trophy comes back to the Mease until the next tournament. I would like to thank Mr Finn for leading this from our end and I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents who gave their time to transport the children to this event. Without their support, our children couldn't have participated in this event.

This week, the staff have been exploring what our vision means to us and how it is lived out every day. We really do believe that the Parable of the Mustard Seed encapsulates our ethos and curriculum as from small beginnings, greatness can grow.

Last week, Mary Howard welcomed Mr Morley back on a phased return. I know that the children were especially pleased to see him. He will be building up to full time over the next few weeks.

Mrs Bennett, recovery dependant, will hopefully be back this term. Luckily for the children, Mrs Bates continues to cover. She has built strong relationships with the children and has made sure that the children's learning has not suffered.

I am lucky to witness our vision and values being lived out every day across both schools. The children are so proud to tell me when they have achieved a special values sticker and it is a pleasure to see them growing and flourishing each week.

God bless

Miss Mills

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What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 22nd January

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits



Wednesday 24th January

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Dinners for Week Commencing 22nd January 2024

This week is: Week 3

	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 & Action

Message from John Taylor Free School

Tesco Blue Tokens - Stronger Starts - John Taylor Free School

At John Taylor Free School we recently applied for a Stronger Starts blue token project and were accepted. With the money we will be awarded, we can create an all weather shelter for our students to access during outdoor learning to support them to succeed and thrive. If we come first, we receive the largest amount of £1500 (2nd and 3rd place also receive money proportionately).

Stores which will vote on our project - please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

2170 Burton On Trent Large unit DE14 3RJ (St Peter's)

2367 Church Gresley Exp Small unit DE11 9NW

2650 Hearthcot Rd Swad Exp Small unit DE11 9DU

3165 Stapenhill Burton Exp Small unit DE15 9GU (Brizlincote Valley)

5067 Measham Express Small unit DE12 7HR

5142 Woodville Express Small unit DE11 7EA

Please grab a blue token when you purchase from one of the above Tesco stores and place in the JTFS section. Please also spread the word with family and friends and share this post. The money will make a difference to many of our students and support the school community in creating a further space for shelter.

Thank you from John Taylor Free School!

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](#)

Forest school donations

We are starting to move forward with our Forest School designs and need your help!

The team at Wild Minds have given us lots of fantastic ideas and some of them we can do ourselves which will save money.

If you have any unwanted cable reels or pallets in good condition, please bring them in to school for us to upcycle!

Thank you!



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/>

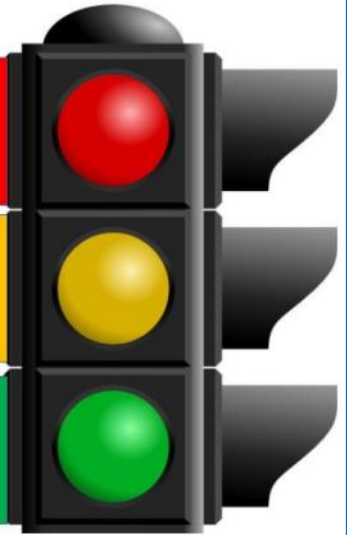
Why is it important?

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 - 89%

Class Two - 86%

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

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January 2024

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/carers Evening (times to be confirmed)

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

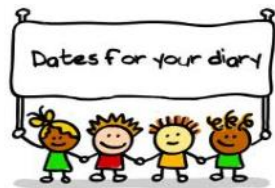
March

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

Wednesday 20th March 9.15am—Whole School Easter Service @ Church



Dojo Scores



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 46

Earth - 59

Fire - 40

Water - 49

Well done Earth!

Achievements outside of school

Congratulations Thomas on achieving your 400 metres swimming badge.

Well Done!

