

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

1st December 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

Despite the many germs and illnesses going around, thank you for supporting us with good attendance whenever possible. Each day is important in your child's learning journey and helps them keep up and feel more confident in school.

This week we celebrated St Andrew's Day in church at Clifton Campville. Class 3 demonstrated their skills of public speaking and articulated and acted beautifully to a full church. A huge thank you to Mrs Wardale for putting the service together along with props and costumes and to Sarah for playing the musical accompaniment.

Class 1 at both schools demonstrated their knowledge of the Great Fire of London and consolidated their understanding of the key events this week. The children particularly enjoyed making the mock houses and having them set fire under the safe guidance of Rachel from Accelerated Learning Services.

Next Thursday Mrs Gethin and Ralph will be visiting both schools so that the children and staff get to know them. I expect Ralph will have a lot of attention and will be a big hit. We look forward to forging a strong relationship with the MAT whilst retaining a strong sense of our own identity as the Mease family.

As we draw closer to the hectic Christmas period, please make sure you take note of key events happening in your schools and keep a check on Dojo for any updates.

Being outdoors is good for the children's wellbeing, therefore, we aim for the children to be out as much as possible so please bring in coats, hats, gloves and wellies/ boots. A spare pair of socks is always a good idea to save those cold wet feet.

As we approach the first Sunday in Advent and enjoy opening our Advent Calendars today, we are reminded of Hope - Isaiah 9:2-6

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

Best wishes

Miss Mills

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 4th December

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



Tuesday 5th December



Wednesday 6th December

- SH Active—PE Kits required



Thursday 7th December

- Mrs Gethin & Ralph visiting Mary Howard & St. Andrew's



Friday 8th December

- Rock up & Read 8.45 to 9.15am
- Deadline for Christmas Dinner orders



Dinners for Week Commencing 4th December

This week is: Week 1

	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

For Action

Snowdome Winter Wonderland Trip

We have arranged for children from both Mary Howard and St Andrew's to go on a school trip to the Snowdome on Wednesday 13th December.

If you have not already done so please could you go to Parentpay and make the payment of £14.90 Any queries please contact the office.

Please could you also complete the consent form at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9msDH90dmm>

Thank you.



Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day will be on Wednesday 20th December. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner, please complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/JM4vq1LyzK> by Friday 8th December. If a form is not returned, it will be assumed your child will be bringing a packed lunch. You do not need to book on ParentPay. Payment will not be required if your child is KS1 or FSM.

Thank you



New Reception Intake 2024

Reception Applications opened on 1st November 2023 and will close on 15th January 2024. To apply, go to: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Kindness Kits—Donations



In the lead up to Christmas, we want to show our love for the elderly people in our village community. Spiritual Council will be working together to build 'Kindness Kits' which they will deliver themselves to the elderly people in our village to let them know that we are thinking of them and sending our love during the festive period.

We would welcome any donations for the kits by Friday 15th December to enable Spiritual Council to assemble the kits and deliver them before the end of half term.

Thank you.



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



Breakfast with Santa!

Friends of Mary Howard hosted Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 25th November and raised a fantastic £459.62! These funds will go towards purchasing some new and exciting books for the children to read at school. Thank you to everyone who supported and came along, a great morning was had by all.



Rock Up and Read

The next session will be on Friday 8th December 8.45—9.15am. We look forward to seeing you then.



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](#)

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

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 starters for our

For Information

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

We are currently working hard to keep wraparound clubs open. We are sorry we cannot offer Afterschool club Mondays, and apologise if this causes any inconvenience. However, if you do need Mondays, SH Active are running their laser club 3.30 to 4.30 Block sessions need to be booked (see above)

Afterschool clubs for the remainder of the week will finish at 5pm.

Booking forms are available from the office. Please ensure you have booked in advance.

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

SH ACTIVE SPORTS

SH Active Sports After School Clubs and Holiday Camps offer something for children of all ages and abilities. From Nerf wars to Dance, Gymnastics to Zorbing, and Football to our giant inflatables, there really is something for everyone. Children will be kept active, busy and socialised while parents have peace of mind that their children are being looked after by qualified, DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained staff. Our after school clubs offer extra curricular activities.

Please click link for Monday's Laser Club:

<https://sh-active-sports.classforkids.io/info/85>



*****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.

PE Days *Change for this half term*

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



For Information

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FREE for parents and carers – please email your name, child's name and date of birth together with your contact number, address and which course and day you are interested in

For professionals – please complete the groupwork referral form and send to the above email

**STARTING
MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY
AT GLASCOTE
CHILDREN'S CENTRE
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

 Staffordshire
County Council



TAMWORTH DISTRICT

FAMILY GROUPWORK COURSES



FREE TO BOOK ON
TERM TIME ONLY



10 week, FREE courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

**STARTING MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY 2024
GLASCOTE CHILDREN'S**

**CENTRE
SIMPLY PLAY
1PM - 3PM**

**A FACE TO FACE COURSE
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-4 YEARS**



TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL
GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

 Staffordshire
County Council

For Information

Class 3 - Decorating our Christmas Tree!



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/minfec>.

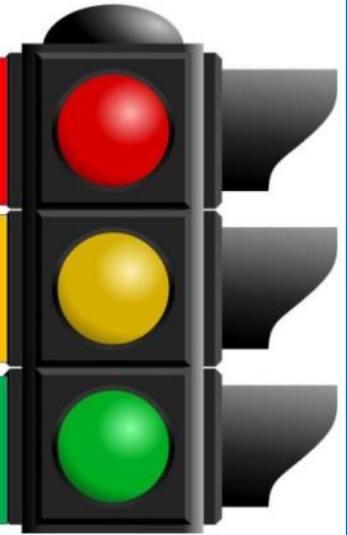
Why is it important?

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 - 97.20%

Class Two - 97.55%

Class Three - 97.12%

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

Christingle

Christingle will take place in Church on
Tuesday 12th December at 6pm.

All are welcome!

If your child is unable to attend, please inform the office.
Thank you.



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 are really looking forward to performing and can't wait for you to see it!



Vacancies

The Mease Federation

Mary Howard Primary School—Edingale

Temporary Cleaning Role

A temporary vacancy for 3+ months has arisen for a school cleaner at Mary Howard Primary School 12 hours per week term time only.

This will include opening school each morning.

The hourly rate is £10.42 paid monthly. A DBS will be required, the cost of which will be covered by the company.

Please note "The Mease Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment".

If you would like more information or an application form please contact Debbie Ford on 07407811083.

Dates to Note

DATES TO NOTE

December

Friday 8th December—Rock Up and Read

Tuesday 12th December—Christingle in Church— 6pm

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Trip 9.00am—11.45am

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!

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December—Wow Work Worship—9am

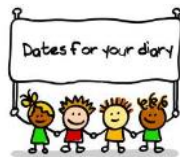
Friday 22nd December—Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties & Break up for Christmas

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 - 25

Earth - 16

Fire - 30

Water - 31

Well done to Water!

SH Active Information

4-13 YEARS

SH ACTIVE SPORTS SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

WHERE SPORTS AND FUN UNITE:
YOUR ULTIMATE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP!

VENUES

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**The Mease Federation
NEW RECEPTION INTAKE**

WE OFFER...

- Small class sizes
- A nurturing environment with deep rooted Christian vision and strong core values
- Specialist and highly skilled staff
- A strong curriculum that promotes and develops the whole child.

OUR VISION & VALUES

The Parable of the mustard seed inspires us that even from very small beginnings, something amazing can grow. At The Mease Federation we are aspirational for the future of all our pupils and adults, in that they will learn how to grow and flourish as healthy and fulfilled individuals who are passionate about life and learning.

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Spaces Available

FOR MORE DETAILS OR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOLS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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