

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,

It's week two of a short five week term and we are certainly achieving a lot!

This week the theme is certainly two. Our two schools thrive by working together!

We started off the week meeting with Revd John and Sarah Ennis to prepare our Easter theme day at St Andrew's on the 21st March.

Both schools have had two highly successful parents evenings. We do hope that they have been useful and informative about your child's progress, strengths and personal targets. Thank you to all who attended.

Our Forest School order has been placed for both schools and this is down to the grants from the National Forest. We could not have achieved this without their financial support. Mr Buckley and Mrs Wardale will be training as Level 3 Forest School leaders during the summer term. So watch this space as the outdoors begins to evolve.

SASA and FOMH, our PTFAs, are busy looking at ways to raise funds to directly enhance the lives of our children in school. SASA are working on a bid to enhance the playground area and to erect the Reading Hub. Whereas FOMH are busy organising the Easter Bingo and have got plans for a big fundraiser...more details to be announced soon!

Yesterday, our two schools took part in a Hi-Five Netball tournament. I was so proud of all the children. They supported each other despite competing against each other. They showed resilience and determination as we had practiced in set positions only to get there & find out they had to play random positions. After feeling a little disheartened, they worked together and really warmed up, getting better each time they played. Again this could not happen without the support of our parents, so thank you!

As we approach the April 1st Academisation date, myself and Mrs Coles, MAT Finance officer, are looking at ways of saving money for our schools through utilising the strength of the MAT to achieve economies of scale. It is exciting times!

This week, we've had PE enrichment day across both schools focusing on 'Personal Best' and today the School Good Food Roadshow came into both our schools to promote healthy eating.

Well that was week two!

Have a wonderful weekend

Rachel Mills

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 4th March

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits

Tuesday 5th March

Academy Photography—AM—Please send children in wearing full uniform

Wednesday 6th March

Mothering Sunday Service at Church—9.15am

Class 2—Mothers Day Lunch 12pm

SH Active. Please send children in their wearing uniforms and a change of PE Kit

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day— Children dress up as their favourite character from a book or in PJ's / Onesie. Book Swap

8.45 to 9.15 Rock up & Read

Easter Day at St Andrew's—Save the Date

On **Thursday 21st March**, we will be having an Easter Day whereby **ALL** children (St Andrew's and Mary Howard) will be based at **St Andrew's** for the whole day taking part in activities both in Church and at school. The Easter Services for both schools were due to take place earlier in the week, but due to Reverend Nicky's availability, Reverend John will be conducting the Easter Services for both schools on this same day. Further information will follow shortly.



Dinners for Week Commencing 4th March 2024

This week is: Week 3

WEEK ONE

MONDAY

Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

TUESDAY

Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower
Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Broccoli, Sliced Carrot
Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)

THURSDAY

Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Green Beans, Swede
Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Flapjack (Ve)

6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

WEEK TWO

Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Pizza

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cauliflower, Carrot Batons
Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cabbage, Garden Peas
Banana Custard (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24

WEEK THREE

Pizza Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Rainbow Veg
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Cabbage, Sliced Carrot
Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)

Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Swede, Shredded Carrots
Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta
Baked Beans, Garden Peas
Iced Shortbread (Ve)

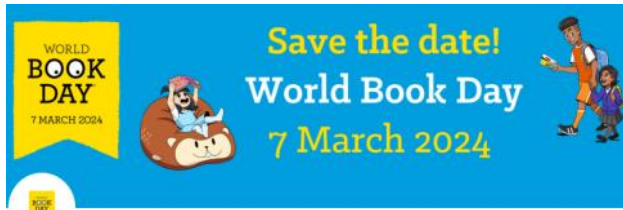
30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain



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

For Information



In a similar vein to last year, we would like to invite children to dress up as their favourite book character, or alternatively wear their pj's or onesie. Rock Up and Read will be held at 8.45–9.15am on this day instead of the usual Friday so parents/carers can celebrate this day with their children. We will also be holding a 'book exchange' so please bring in a book to swap if you would like to.

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](#)

Parentpay

As you are aware we are currently in the process of transitioning to the TSSMat. The menu will be changing shortly, and this will be sent out on our Newsletter and added to Parentpay, as soon as it has been approved.

Gentle Reminder—please check your Parentpay accounts for any outstanding balances.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 36

Earth - 34

Fire - 35

Water - 30

Well done Air!

Parent/Carer Invite

Mother's Day Lunches—Save the Date

Lunches will start at 12pm, if you would like to attend please log into your ParentPay account and make a payment for the following dates.

Class 2—Wednesday 6th March - deadline for payment is 21st February



Class 3—Wednesday 13th March - deadline for payment is 28th February



Once you have paid please could you confirm to the office your food choice and any allergies.

* *Roast of the Day*

* *Jacket Potato (choice of fillings, Beans, Tuna or Cheese)*

* *Sandwich Choice (Ham, Cheese or Tuna)*

Thank you!



Dates to Note

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March

- ◆ Tuesday 5th March—10 am—Academy Photography—Class Groups, Leavers Groups & leavers individuals— Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase. ***IMPORTANT: please contact school office if you do not wish your child to be photographed on a class group!**
- ◆ Wednesday 6th March—9.15am Mothering Sunday Church Service
- ◆ Wednesday 6th March 12pm—**Class 2**—Mothers Day Lunch
- ◆ Thursday 7th March World Book Day—Children dress in PJ's or Onesie
- ◆ Thursday 7th March 8.45 to 9.15am—Rock up & Read
- ◆ Friday 8th March—NON UNIFORM DAY! Chocolate donations, please
- ◆ Friday 12th March—NON UNIFORM! Easter Egg donations, please
- ◆ Wednesday 13th March 12pm—**Class 3**—Mothers Day Lunch
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day! Further details to follow
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Class 2—Rosliston (TBC)
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Whole School at St. Andrews—Further information to follow
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Easter Fun Evening 5pm to 8pm at Mary Howard (organised by FOMH)

April

- ◆ Monday 8th April - Children back in School
- ◆ Wednesday 10th—Entrust—Live Music Performance
- ◆ Thursday 11th—Swimming starts for year 3 & 4—Further details to follow

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/>

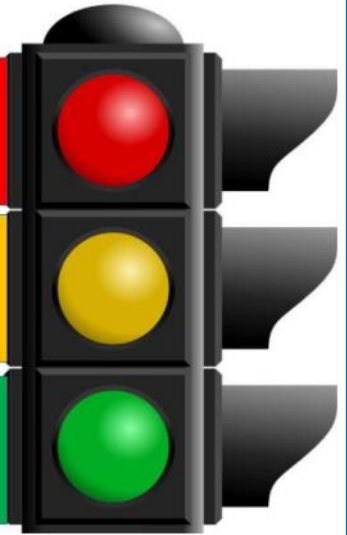
Why is it important?

| 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 - 97.69%

Class Two - 96.15%

Class Three - 93.33%

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!