

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



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families

What a short but eventful half term! I cannot believe what we have been able to cram in to 5 short weeks!

From Mothers' day cards and celebrations, to trips to Rosliston, the children and staff have certainly been busy!

Yesterday, we had a wonderful time at our joint Federation Easter Day. I would like to thank Revd John and Sarah Ennis for helping to put the day together and for allowing us to use the church. It was a beautiful setting for such a special day which culminated into a joint Easter service. Koinonia was certainly demonstrated throughout the day and I was extremely proud of how well the children worked and played together! Thank you to the parents from Mary Howard, who transported their children to St Andrew's.

I would like to thank the staff who ensure that our children get the very best education, experiences and care. I am grateful for the support that we have from our families too, especially when we have our Federation events. When we return on Monday 8th April, we will have academised and become part of the TSSMAT. You will see more of Mrs Gethin and Ralph and we will have the opportunity to take part in more events and competitions. Our new websites will go live and we will be changing email addresses, but all in good time!

All that is left to say is have a wonderful Easter time and may this beautiful springtime bring you the greatest feelings of gratitude, love, compassion, hope and faith.

Miss Mills



What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 8th April

- ◆ SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits

Tuesday 9th April

- ◆ 3 to 4pm New Menu Taster Session—Parents and children

Wednesday 10th April

- ◆ PE—please send children in their PE Kits

Thursday 11th April

- ◆ Swimming—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6—Permission slips should all be sent before this date

Friday 12th April

- ◆ 8.45 to 9.15am Rock up & Read

Invitation to Children & Parents

New Menu—School Meals



Message from Mrs Charlene Gethin—CEO—TSSMat



We have really exciting news that as we are part of TSSMAT now, we are also part of their amazing, home cooked food and nutrition menus. Prices are still remaining at £2.80 per child meal. All the dinners and puddings are made daily by our cooks and we only use the best ingredients. There is a lot to choose from our daily fresh salad bar to light sandwich options, jacket potatoes, hot mains and delicious homemade puddings.

We are excited to announce that on 9th of April 2024 between 3pm and 4pm, we will be holding a tasting session for all of our students and families to come and try and see some of the new food and menus that we will be cooking up for you. You will also get to meet Alex Weaver, our Catering Manager, who comes up with some exciting ideas and theme days for all the children and staff to enjoy.

Dinners for Week Commencing 8th April 2024

This week is: Week 1

YOUR SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 1



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Plant-based burger in a bap with diced potatoes
 Spaghetti bolognese
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Tomato pasta
 Italian style chicken goujons with diced potatoes
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate brownie

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
 Chicken and oriental style vegetable rice
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Fruit and jelly

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Quorn chicken pieces in a Yorkshire pudding
 Sliced beef and Yorkshire pudding
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
 TO FINISH
 Lemon drizzle sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Sweet potato and lentil curry with a blend of brown and white rice
 Baked fish fingers and chips
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Ice cream topped with cream

WEEK 2

Our primary school menus comply with the Government's food and nutritional standards, meeting an average of 530 calories for each meal

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Meat-free hotdog with diced potatoes
 Cottage pie
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Roasted vegetable lasagne
 Chicken nuggets with diced potatoes
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Apple flapjack

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Handmade margherita pizza with crinkle cut wedges
 Ham carbonara with penne pasta
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Fruit and jelly

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Vegetable pastry crown
 Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
 TO FINISH
 Victoria sponge

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Somerset cheddar cheese and potato fritтата
 Baked battered fish and chips
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Homemade cookies

WEEK 3



MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato quesadilla with diced potatoes
 Pork sausage roll with diced potatoes
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Yoghurt, fruit and freshly baked mini shortbread biscuit

TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Macaroni cheese with Somerset cheddar
 Chicken curry with a blend of brown and white rice
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Jam sponge

WEDNESDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Handmade margherita pizza
 Bubble salmon
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day and crinkle cut wedges
 TO FINISH
 Fruit and jelly

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Vegetable and bean burrito
 Baked fish fingers and chips
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day
 TO FINISH
 Freshly baked marble shortbread biscuit

THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM
 🌱 Somerset cheddar cheese and tomato puff
 Roast chicken and Yorkshire pudding
 ON THE SIDE
 Vegetables of the day, roast potatoes and gravy
 TO FINISH
 Chocolate orange sponge

Light bite options available. Daily sandwiches, jacket potatoes with fresh daily fillings

For Information



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 55

Earth - 37

Fire - 47

Water - 35

Well done Air!

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](#)

Swimming

From Thursday 11th April until Thursday 23rd May—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will start swimming lessons. Please ensure children have suitable swimming costumes for girls (no bikini's or tankini's).

Suitable swimming short for boys. Swimming hats for long hair.

Please return permission slips by 8th April.

Thank you



Staffing update:

When we return after Easter, we welcome back Miss Bolton 2 days a week. She will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays and sharing the office role with Mrs Boag who will be in the rest of the time. We also welcome Miss Ellis, who will be taking over as class teacher for class 2 for the summer term. Mr Buckley will be over at St Andrew's for the summer term but I am sure that he will be back at Mary Howard at some point.

In class 1, Miss Arrowsmith will be completing her final teaching practice with Mrs Orgill until June.

We know that you will give them a warm Mary Howard Welcome.

Thank you for your continued support

THANK YOU!

Thank you from the Friends of Mary Howard to everyone who came to support us last night at our Easter event at school! Lots of fun was had by all! Big thank you to all the staff for letting us use the school as the venue and extra thanks to Miss Mills and her dad - Bob - for hosting fantastic multiple bingo games! We will let you know the total amount of money raised when we come back after Easter!

Look out for our next event a FOMH quiz - coming soon!



For Information

ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

EASTER HOLIDAYS



PAINTING 3D MODELING
ART & CRAFT DRAWING

ARTCLUBS.KIDS
powered by kurowska.art

developed by real artists
open to all skill levels
affordable prices



TUE 26 MAR - THU 28 MAR
every day from 10 am to 4 pm

Online booking: www.halfterm.artclubs.kids

Dates to Note

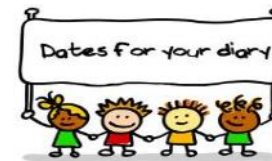
DATES TO NOTE

April

- ◆ Monday 8th April—Children return to school
- ◆ Wednesday 10th April—Entrust Live Music Performance
- ◆ Thursday 11th—Swimming —Year 3, 4, 5 & 6—Summer Term 1 (11/4/24 to 23/5/24)
- ◆ Friday 12th April—Rock Up and Read 8.45 to 9.15am

May

- ◆ Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday
- ◆ 13th-16th May—KS2 SATs week
- ◆ Friday 24th May—Break up for half term
- ◆ Monday 3rd June—Inset Day
- ◆ Tuesday 4th June—Children return to school



Awards



Congratulations! Spiritual Award to:

Thomas, Sienna, Maisie, Darci, Nicky & Adalie.



Congratulations to Isla for achieving her 4 Star swimming badge and certificate! Well Done!



Well Done to all our children who received a Certificate!

Class 1—George H & Jude

Class 2—Luke & Sophia

Class 3—Olivia Burley & Maisie

Headteacher Award for Good Behaviour

Class 1—Evangeline

Class 2—Maiya

Class 3—Matilda

For Information



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Minister for Schools

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D. Mills

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics key stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of key stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, writing and mathematics, Mary Howard CofE (VC) Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

D. Hinds

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools

HAPPY EASTER



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter! We hope you have a wonderful break and we can't wait to see you back at school on Monday 8th April 2024.

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/>

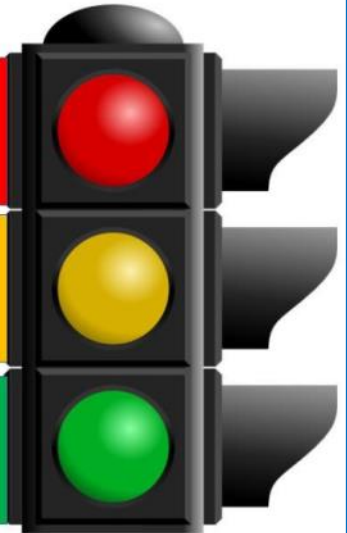
Why is it important?

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 - 96.04%

Class Two - 96.71%

Class Three - 95.88%

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!