

The Mease Federation



Mary Howard C E (VC) Primary School

AUTUMN TERM

22nd September 2023



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

Dear families

How quickly the weeks are flying by! This week we continue with our learning journeys and already I can see our children growing and flourishing both academically and in their characters. I have seen some wonderful learning in all classes, where children are demonstrating our values of Wisdom, Love and Perseverance. I am lucky enough to see our overarching value of Koinonia, a community that involves deep, close-knit participation, each and every day. You may have noticed that we have revamped our motto, vision and values over the summer. We felt that it was a good time to align them to where our Federation is now and where we are going. The Federation community are embracing these changes and it is becoming part of our day to day language in school. Watch this space for the launch assemblies, led by the children, later on in the term.

At St. Andrew's, we are awaiting the delivery of their very own reading hub. We cannot wait to enhance our love of reading with this new hub.

Next week, is jam-packed with our European day of languages, where we will immerse ourselves in the French culture and language. We will also support a worthwhile charity by having our own Macmillan coffee mornings.

I do feel blessed to be Executive Head of these two wonderful school communities.

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes,

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher





FRENCH DAY!!

Wednesday 27th September



Children will take part in a range of activities and can come to school dressed in Red, White &

We are asking for donations of £2 to cover the costs of resources for the day

Children will be in their house groups for the day!

3pm Parents are invited into school to see what the children have been up to





Macmillan Coffee Morning





All Cake donations—please could you send them into school on Wednesday 27th September.

Thank you! We Look forward to seeing you!









Dinners for Week Commencing 25th September This week is: Week 1

Wg - Wholegrain

Vegan

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Vegetarian

Mac & Cheese (V) or Vegetable Lasagne (V) or Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) or Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg) Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve) Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) MONDAY Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Rainbow Veg Rainbow Veg Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wa) Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) Chicken Paella (Wg) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling TUESDAY Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Green Beans Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V) Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V) Custard (V) Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & WEDNESDAY Chickpea & Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve) Gravy (Ve) Gravy (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve) Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve) Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve) Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Tuna & Pea Pesto Pasta (Wg) Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) Sauce (Wa) THURSDAY or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg) or Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve) or Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Green Beans, Swede Swede, Shredded Carrots Cabbage, Garden Peas Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V) Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V) Banana Custard (V) Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or FRIDAY Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt & Chips (V) Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V) Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Baked Beans, Garden Peas Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve) Iced Shortbread (Ve) Flapjack (Ve) 4/9/23, 25/9/23, 16/10/23, 6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 11/9/23, 2/10/23, 23/10/23, 13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 18/9/23, 9/10/23, 30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

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

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 27th September—French Day

Thursday 28th September—MacMillan Morning

Friday 6th October—Parent Forum 2.45 to 3.30pm

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

December—Christmas Trip—Details to follow



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

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.

Attendance figures for this week.

Class One - 99.17%

Class Two - 96.92%

Class Three - 93.89%





Well Done to Thomas for achieving his 'Summer Reading Challenge 2023' Ready, Set, Read!



Calling all parents!

We are excited to inform you that we are setting up a parent forum. This forum is a place to raise developmental considerations and questions.

Being a part of a parent forum helps you to support your child/ren through discussions about parents' perspectives on current policy and practice and your input into decision making and planning for future provision. This platform enables school leaders to gather, record and wherever possible action your views to improve the schools in our Federation. We are looking for a minimum of one parent Rep per class, who will meet with Miss Mills each half term. The aim is to make sure that communication and relationships are strong between the schools and the families and to make the schools the very best they can be for the children and their families.

For more information, please see the letter coming out today.

This Week's Dojo Scores

Air—4

Earth-48

Fire-49

Water-9

Well done Fire!



Keeping you child safe on 'Snapchat'



Is Snapchat safe for my child?

Safety features and tools to help keep your child safe on Snapchatwww.nspcc.org.uk

Wellbeing Sessions

Friday 29th September

Friday 6th October

Friday 13th October

Friday 20th October

Please send children in wearing PE kits for the Wellbeing

Sessions



Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaire in Summer 2. Your feedback is invaluable. Although we received overwhelmingly positive feedback in so many areas, there were a few areas that we are working on. I would like to share with you, what we have done about the key areas of development. There have been lots going on behind the scenes and hopefully the launch of the new Parent Forum will ensure that the link between home and school is strengthened.

You said, you were unsure about the behaviour policy and how it is dealt with- we have rewritten the Behaviour and Caring policy. Our behaviour system links to our vision and there is a focus on using restorative practice in school. Staff are being trained on using this approach. We also have a clear behaviour management system and all concerns are dealt with and recorded to build a larger picture. Parents are kept informed of these incidents and the sanctions that have happened. The new policy will be shared after the Governor's meeting on the 28th September.

You said, that you didn't know who the governors were - I am taking this to governors on the 28th September and we will look into communication so that parents know who they are.

You suggested, you would like more opportunities for the children from the two schools to work together - watch this space for clubs and experiences across the Federation and the MAT this year.

You said, you would like more opportunities for the children to have circle time- our PSHE, well being and worship curriculum enables the children to discuss issues and be open about their feelings. This is not limited to a circle time situation but is the golden thread throughout our school ethos and culture.

You said, improve accident reporting - we are using Class Dojo as our main communication tool. In school, we record accidents on our new online system. Parents are informed in various ways depending on the severity of the incident. The different ways of communication includes: Dojo, telephone, in person and in the case of head bumps via a letter.

You suggested, healthier options at Care Club- There is a new menu on the website and there are healthy breakfasts that include fruit and yoghurt.

I will update you on some other suggestions as we action them.

Please note that many of these suggestions were made by individual parents who responded to the questionnaire (less than 20 across the Federation). However, every suggestion counts as we endeavour to be the best we can be.

Please keep talking to us, as we value your opinion. Please do not wait for questionnaires but come and see us. Once Parent Forum is set up, you can also let them know.

Together we are stronger, and we want our school to be simply the best!



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.

Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance











- 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.

Spaces Available

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

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Federation Football Club

We are pleased that we will be offering a free Federation Football Club- Years 4,5 &6 on a Thursday afterschool 3:30-4:30

Mr Finn (Class 3 teacher from St Andrew's), will be running this afterschool club with the idea that we will be competing against other schools, within the MAT and reestablishing links with other small schools.

We aim for the club to take place, alternating between St Andrew's and Mary Howard. Sue Keeley (Mary Howard) is happy to help with transport. However, we may need further transport support. I am sure that between us we could make this happen.

We are looking to start this on Thursday 5th October. A Microsoft form will come out next week, as we know that there has been a lot if information recently in regards to clubs etc.

