

# 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

24th November 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



## Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

As this is the exciting but hectic Christmas period, we must approach this season with love, compassion and tolerance. There are lots of exciting events happening, and a lot to remember so please do not worry if things are missed. We will be using the weekly newsletter, which now has a 'What's coming up this week' section and we will use Class Dojo for reminders and last minute changes. The main class story goes to all parents across the Federation so we will add information to individual class pages to try and help with communication. The announcements (messages to parents via Dojo message) does not seem to be a good route so we will minimise this to individual messages to parents.

This week, we have received the first outdoor Reading throne and set of seats from 'Men in Shed's', which is the start of our outdoor learning provision. Thank you to Steve from Edingale village for collecting it for us. It is greatly appreciated. We just need to varnish them ready to go in our outdoor area.

Next week, we celebrate St Andrew's Day (30th November). The children in Class 3 at St. Andrew's have been busy preparing their assembly for church on Thursday and Class 1 will have an enrichment day focusing on the Great Fire of London.

I would like to add a note of thanks to both the Friends of Mary Howard and SASA for their work so far in helping to enrich the lives of our children. We have Breakfast with Santa this weekend in Edingale and we have an author coming into school in December for St Andrew's. This could not be achieved without the dedication and support of our families. Thank you.

Best wishes

Miss Mills

1 John 4, v7 12, 16 My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have given new life. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts. God is love.

## What's Coming Up This Week

### Monday 27th November

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



### Tuesday 28th November

- Class 1- Great Fire of London Theme Day —PE Kits required



### Wednesday 29th November

- Snowdome Trip cut off date
- SH Active—PE Kits required



### Thursday 30th November

- St Andrew's Day- normal uniform, normal school day



### Friday 1st December

- Start of the Reverse Advent Calendar

# Dinners for Week Commencing 27th November

This week is: Week 3

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	<p>Mac &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Cheese (V) <i>or</i>                      Mild Sweet Potato &amp; Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve)                      Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling                      Rainbow Veg                      Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p>Mild &amp; Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)  <i>or</i> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)                      Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling                      Sweetcorn &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <i>or</i>                      Chickpea &amp; Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve)                      Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling                      Broccoli, Sliced Carrot                      Strawberry Jelly &amp; Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <i>or</i>                      Homemade Veggie &amp; Stuffing Roll with Roasties &amp; Gravy (Ve)                      Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling                      Cauliflower, Carrot Batons                      Orange Jelly &amp; Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <i>or</i>                      Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties &amp; Gravy (V)                      Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling                      Cabbage, Sliced Carrot                      Strawberry Jelly &amp; Pineapple (Ve)</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p>Tuna &amp; 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 &amp; 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>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <i>or</i>                      Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt &amp; 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.

The cost of the coaches have been kindly paid for by FOMH and SASA so the trip will only cost £14.90 per child. Please complete the consent form at <https://forms.office.com/e/9msDH90dmm> by Wednesday 29th November and make the payment via ParentPay by the same date. 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](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## **Reverse Advent Calendar**



We recognise that Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many people and we want to help! This year, we will be supporting our local food bank in Tamworth by creating a whole-school reverse advent calendar. From December, we will have a large grid in school counting down to Christmas. If you would like to support them, please send a donation in with your child on any given day and they will then add their donation to our Santa sack and write their name on the grid for that day. At the end of half term, we will take our donations to Tamworth foodbank. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support!



## **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. Thank you.



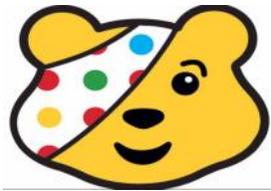
# For Information

## Children In Need

The Great Spotacular!

We raised £39 for BBC Children In Need  
On Friday 17th November.

THANK YOU!



## 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.



## Rock Up and Read

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



## Teachers2Parents

From Friday 25th November we will no longer be using Teachers2Parents. All future communication will be via Class Dojo or email. If you need to update your details or have problems accessing Class Dojo please let the school office know.  
Thank you.

**PE Days \*Change for this half term\***

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

## 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

## **\*\*ParentPay\*\***

Thank you for your patience during our transition with Parentpay. We will be still book via school until January, as like many new systems, we have some technical issues.

Looking to the future we plan to be a cashless school!

Thank you for your continued support!



## **John Taylor High School Y6 Transition Dates**

John Taylor will be inviting students who are successful in securing a place on one of the following dates:

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Wednesday 3rd July

TBC closer to the date

## **Federation Football Club**

**\*\*\*Federation Football Club will resume February 2024\*\*\***



## **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>



## **\*\*\*\*\*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.

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# 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>.

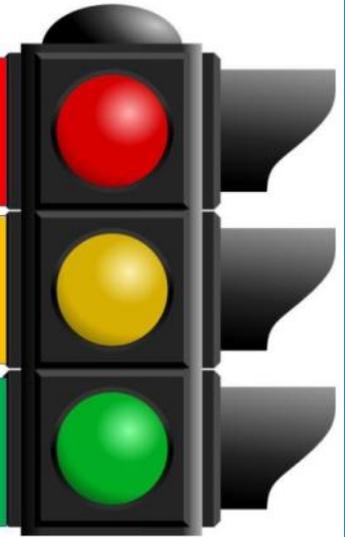
## Why is it important?

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 - 96.92%**

**Class Two - 96.92%**

**Class Three - 92.22%**

### 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

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#### November

Thursday 30th November—St Andrew's Day— Normal school day

#### December

Friday 8th December—Rock Up and Read

Monday 12th December—Christingle in Church— 6pm

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

Wednesday 19th December—Nativity in Church—9.15am

**Whole school involvement** (*MH no snack orders, please send children in with their own snacks*)

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Dinner Day

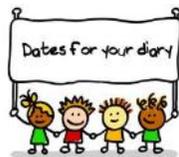
Friday 22nd December—Let your Light Shine Worship—9am

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



## Dojo Scores



### ClassDojo

**This Week's Dojo Scores**  
**Dojo Scores for this week:**

Air - 52

Earth - 55

Fire - 57

Water - 42

**Well done to Fire!**



MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH at  
ST ANDREW'S



## CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Saturday 25<sup>TH</sup> November ~ 2pm



£25 only

(Includes all materials + Mulled Wine & Mince pie)

**Booking Essential!**

Contact Sarah Ennis - Tel: 01827 898108  
email [sj\\_ennis@hotmail.com](mailto:sj_ennis@hotmail.com)



# CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

## SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

IN CHURCH  
11am - 4pm



STALLS AND GIFTS

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS  
(NO CHARGE)

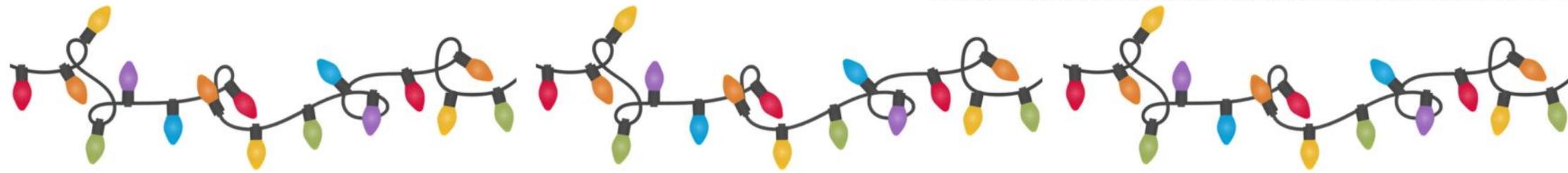
CAFE OPEN ALL DAY

MAKE YOUR XMAS WREATH

(ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED) £25 ~ 2 - 4pm  
ADVANCE BOOKING NEEDED.

St Andrew's Church Clifton Campville

For further details & to book contact: [sj\\_ennis@hotmail.com](mailto:sj_ennis@hotmail.com) Tel.01827 898108



# 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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