

# 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

As we near the end of week three of the spring term, Christmas seems a distant memory. However, both schools have been a hive of activity as the children are fully immersed in their learning.

At St. Andrew's, Class 2 and 3 had a special visitor this week. Thank you, Mrs McGrath, for engaging the children and sharing your knowledge as a Radiographer. The children thoroughly enjoyed your visit.

At our Federation, we believe that learning to read and enjoying reading is an essential skill for life. We are lucky to have our parent volunteers, Mrs Keeley (Mary Howard) and Mrs Walker (St Andrew's), who come in each week to listen to our children read. We thank them for their time. If you would like to offer an afternoon to hear our children read, then please contact the offices for a volunteer pack, including application form and information about obtaining a DBS for our schools.

Daily reading practice of 5 or 10 mins a day makes such a difference to your child, so please make time each night to listen to your child read. Little and often is key!

In terms of academisation, we have a few issues, mainly with land, which is frustratingly pushing the academisation date back. We are now hopeful for March 2024. However, we continue to work closely with the MAT. Mrs Coles (MAT Finance) is doing a fabulous job at seeking better value for money in terms of catering, Wi-Fi to name but a few. Being within a MAT allows for better economies of scale, which is brilliant with tight budgets, especially in small schools.

This week, we have had a Curriculum Review by our Chair of Governors, Steve Webb. We are proud of our curriculum and the impact that it is having on the teaching and learning across our schools. The children are 'learning more' and 'remembering more'. It is obvious that they are also enjoying their learning tool

Next week, we have our Health and Safety review by ELITE Health and Safety. ELITE completed an initial audit in November and helped us to update our risk assessments and make sure that our Health and safety is rigorous. We also have the support of Staffordshire Health and Safety, but we have brought in this further support from Elite, who come and audit each term, to ensure we are constantly reviewing our practices. It's like a mini Ofsted for Health and Safety and drives improvement.

*I'd like to give you a 'Head's up' about the upcoming Easter Celebration day on Thursday 21st March which will see the whole Federation attend St Andrew's school for an experience day. We will be taking part in a range of activities at St Andrew's church. Again, children will be in their house point team's colours and work together with their team throughout the day. Parents are welcome to join us at St Andrew's church at the end of the day (3pm) to see what the children have learnt- all welcome. More details will follow nearer the time.*

*Have a wonderful weekend*

*Miss Mills*

*The nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy! Psalm 33*

## What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 29th January

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch



Wednesday 31st January

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits



Friday 2nd February

8.45 to 9.15 Rock up & Read

# Dinners for Week Commencing 29th January 2024

This week is: Week 1

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	<p><b>Mac &amp; Cheese (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p><b>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p><b>Pizza Mac &amp; Cheese (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p><b>Mild &amp; Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn &amp; Peppers, Cauliflower</b> Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Pizza</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Apple &amp; Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Peach &amp; Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Broccoli, Sliced Carrot</b> Strawberry Jelly &amp; Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cauliflower, Carrot Batons</b> Orange Jelly &amp; Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cabbage, Sliced Carrot</b> Strawberry Jelly &amp; Pineapple (Ve)</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p><b>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Green Beans, Swede</b> Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p><b>Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cabbage, Garden Peas</b> Banana Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Chicken, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Swede, Shredded Carrots</b> Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p>
	6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24	13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24	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

Thank you for your support with Tamworth Foodbank

TAMWORTH FOODBANK  
HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS

## THANK YOU



For your support of Tamworth Foodbank this Winter  
2023/2024

Your generous donations will make a significant impact on  
the lives of those facing crisis in our local communities.



Registered Charity Number: 1093988 | Registered in England and Wales

## GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK

Over the next few weeks, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Roberts, who will be relocating to Dudley. We thank her for her hard work during the time she has been with us. Miss Roberts has made strong bonds with the children and staff and she covered evening Care Club, enabling it to continue. She will be greatly missed but we wish her the very best of luck with this new chapter.

### Wraparound Care

Over the next few weeks, we welcome back Mr Morley on a phased return. I know that the children have enjoyed having him back, especially for evening Care Club. Mr Morley has put out a programme of events for the special themed Care Club on a Thursday (see Class Dojo).

I also would just like to express my thanks to the staff at Mary Howard for covering Care Club since October. They have gone above and beyond their duties to ensure that we could still provide the service so thank you.

Please could we remind parents when dropping children off at breakfast club that they must ensure that they accompany their child/children into school and see a member of staff. Breakfast club starts at 7.45am, we are unable to take children in any earlier than this. Please do not leave children unattended outside the office door.

Thank you for your continued support!

### 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](#)

### Children's Mental Health Week

Week commencing 5th February will be Children's Mental Health Week. This years theme is 'My Voice Matters'. We will be doing several activities around this throughout the week. Look out for photographs on the website at the end of the week. More information can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



# For Action

## 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

## Forest school donations

We are starting to move forward with our Forest School designs and need your help!

The team at Wild Minds have given us lots of fantastic ideas and some of them we can do ourselves which will save money.

If you have any unwanted cable reels or pallets in good condition, please bring them in to school for us to upcycle!

Thank you!



## Bags 2 School—Tuesday 30th January—AM

If you have any clothes donations, please could you bag them up and bring into school on Tuesday 30th January by 9am. You will be able to leave them under the shelter in our main playground.

Please could you use your own plastic bags.

Thank you for your continued support.

# For Action

## Swimming Gala—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

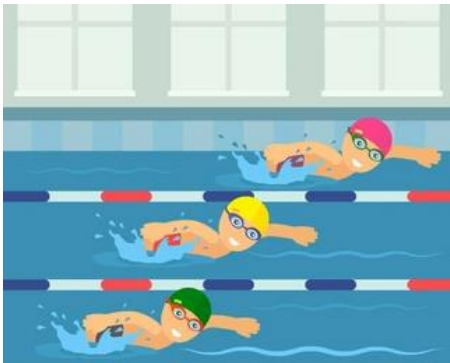
The Mease Federation has been invited to take part in a Swimming Gala which will take place at the Snowdome in Tamworth (B79 7ND) on Thursday 18th April 6pm - 8pm.

The heats for this event will take place on Thursday 22nd February at the Tamworth Enterprise College (B77 2NE) 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

You will need to transport your own child to and from the event and will need to collect them from school at 2.30pm in order to get them there for the start time.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the form located at <https://forms.office.com/e/RUF1690vWH>

by **Friday 2nd February**. Thank you.



## Help wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to help varnish our new Reading Throne and Stools for our outdoor area. If you could spare any time to help us do this, please contact the office.

Many thanks.



# 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/>

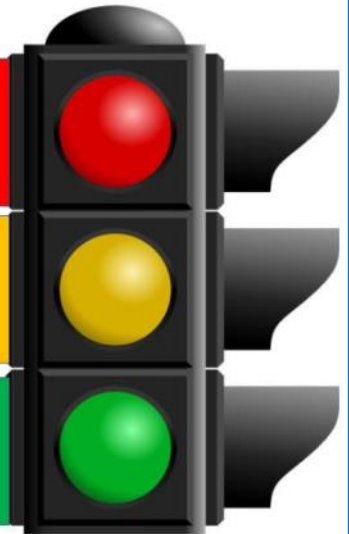
## Why is it important?

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 - 99%**

**Class Two - 95%**

**Class Three - 98%**

### 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!

## Dates to Note

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#### January 2024

Tuesday 30th January - Please return your Bag2School—AM

#### February

w/c Monday 5th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 2nd February—8.45 to 9.15am—Rock up & Read

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

Monday 19th February—Children back at school

Tuesday 27th February Parents/carers Evening (times to be confirmed)

Wednesday 28th February 12pm—**Class 1**—Mothers Day Lunch.

#### March

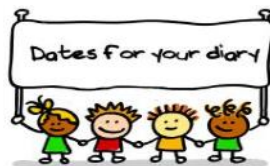
Wednesday 6th March—9.15am Mothering Sunday Church Service

Wednesday 6th March 12pm—**Class 2**—Mothers Day Lunch

Wednesday 13th March 12pm—**Class 3**—Mothers Day Lunch

Wednesday 20th March 9.15am—Whole School Easter Service @ Church

Thursday 21st March—Whole School at St. Andrews—Further information to follow



## Dojo Scores



### ClassDojo

**This Week's Dojo Scores**

**Dojo Scores for this week:**

Air - 60

Earth - 48

Fire - 69

Water - 43

**Well done Fire!**

## Parent/Carer Invite

### **Mother's Day Lunches—Save the Date**

Lunches will take place at 12pm on the following dates.  
More information will be sent nearer the time.

Class 1—Wednesday 28th February

Class 2—Wednesday 6th March

Class 3—Wednesday 13th March

