



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

This week we have managed to achieve the gold award for 'School Games Award' which is a great achievement.

Continuing with the sporting theme, yesterday, we competed in a TSSMAT Cross Country Tournament and came in a brilliant second place. Our runners demonstrated grit, perseverance, and excellent stamina despite the distance and the heat. Every child completed the run which is such an achievement in itself- well done runners!

I would like to thank the families for taking time out of their busy days to come and support this and other events. It could not happen without you so thank you. We are still in the process of setting up our Spiritual Gardens and Forest School. If you could spare some time to help us, then please let us know. We still have lots of slate to go down at Mary Howard. I can't believe how much slate is required!

Next week, we welcome Sally Kaminski-Gaze, who is the inspector for our upcoming SIAMS inspection at Mary Howard on Tuesday 2nd July. I am positive that she will be able to see our Christian Vision, the Parable of the Mustard Seed, lived out in all that we are and in everything we do in our schools. I will share the inspection report as soon as it is published.

Thank you to all they families who continue to support us in loving our Christian vision.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Mills

'Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' (Matthew: 13.31-32)



Dinners for Week Commencing 1st July 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Information



ClassDojo

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 50

Earth - 44

Fire - 59

Water - 51

Well done Fire!

Little Heroes Attendance

Our Little Heroes Initiative has now begun. You will see posters and other resources around the school. In classes, there is a sticker chart and every day a child attends and arrives on time, a sticker will be added to their name on the chart. The Hero stands for—'Here Everyday Ready and On Time'. The initiative will run until July and If children receive 100% throughout, they will receive a certificate and a little gift. For more information please visit—Staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes. Thank you for your continued support.



HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



Rock Up and Read

Due to event clashes, our next Rock Up and Read session will be out of sync. The date will be Thursday 11th July. We hope you can make it!

PE Kit Change—September 2024

The PE kit will change from September 2024 with the expectation that everyone will wear a t-shirt in their house colour. This was as a result of feedback from the St. Andrew's Parent Forum so thank you to everyone for their input. The house teams have been adjusted for the new academic year so please check these carefully before buying any new items. See link - [Asda T-shirts](#) as a suggestion. Thank you.

Water	Air	Fire	Earth
Betty	Jessica	Leo	Rory
Nicky	Eva	George H	Elijah
Ocean	Phoebe	Evangeline	<u>Adalie</u>
George M	Ellen	Holly	Jude
Bradley	Charlie	Olivia G	<u>Kye</u>
Sienna	Henry	Luke	Myra
Elodie	Isla B	Darci	Rhea
Max	Jakob	Sophia	Isla M
Thomas	Ruby	Olivia-R B	Alfie
			Eliza

For Information

Sports Day—Thursday 4th July

On Thursday 4th July, parents/carers are welcome to join us in celebrating sports day. It will be taking place on the Village Hall field and we are aiming to start at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to bring their own chairs to set up in a designated area. Children will be competing in house teams. For this reason, could children please wear a top representing their current house team colour:

Water - Blue

Air - Yellow

Fire - Red

Earth - Green

Please also send your children with a water bottle and a hat. Children will be taking part in a variety of traditional sports day races like the egg and spoon race, 3-legged race and an obstacle race. Fingers crossed for good weather—we look forward to seeing you there!



Teddy Bears Picnic

On Tuesday 9th July, Year 1 children will join their new Reception friends for a teddy bears picnic in the afternoon. The picnic will take place from 1.45—2.45pm and lunch will take place as normal. Children can bring a teddy bear from home, a snack and a drink. Whilst the picnic takes place, Year 2 will spend time in Class 2 with Miss Arrowsmith. We hope the children have a great time!



Thank you from the Friends of Mary Howard to those of you who supported us at the village hall family fun day last weekend. We raised a fantastic £117.10 from the tombola!

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 1st July

- ◆ PE—please send children in their PE Kits
- ◆ JTTHS Transition Day

Tuesday 2nd July

- ◆ New Starters Stay & Play—9.15am
- ◆ SIAMS Inspection
- ◆ FOMH Meeting—6pm

Wednesday 3rd July

- ◆ JTFS Transition Day

Thursday 4th July

- ◆ Sports Day—9.15am

Friday 5th July

- ◆ Reports go home today

**What's
Happening
This Week**

Governor Vacancies

We are currently looking for new governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. All school Governors serve a 4 year term. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

Dates to Note

DATES TO NOTE

July

- ◆ Monday 1st July—JTTHS Transition Day
- ◆ Tuesday 2nd July—New Starters Stay & Play
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd July—JTFS Transition Day
- ◆ Thursday 4th July—Sports Day—AM
- ◆ Tuesday 9th July—Leavers Service in Church—9am
- ◆ Tuesday 9th July—New Starters Teddy Bears Picnic—1.45pm
- ◆ Wednesday 10th July—Open Evening
- ◆ Thursday 11th July—Rock up & Read
- ◆ Thursday 11th July—MH Business Enterprise Evening—Details to Follow
- ◆ Friday 12th July—Transition Morning
- ◆ 15th—17th July—Class 3 Residential
- ◆ Wednesday 17th July—Class 1 & 2 RNLI Water Safety Talk
- ◆ Friday 19th July—Break up for Summer



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/>

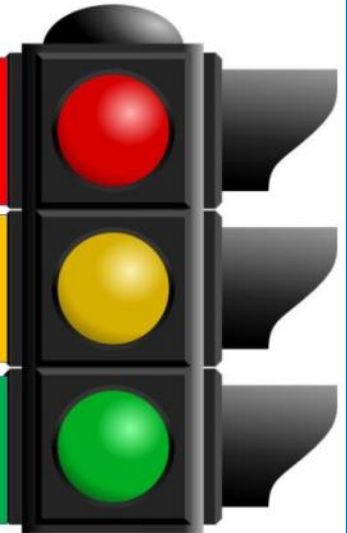
Why is it important?

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 - 96.92%

Class Two - 100%

Class Three - 98.89%

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!



Everyone is invited to join Friends of Mary Howard and the fantastic entrepreneurial students of Mary Howard School for...

★ **BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AFTERNOON** ★

at

MARY HOWARD SCHOOL

on

THURSDAY 11th JULY

3-5pm

Adults £1 entry

Food/drink available to buy

Bouncy castle

Fete games



Over the course of the next few weeks in class, children will be working hard to come up with their own business concepts. They will be showcasing these at this enterprise event and it will be an opportunity for parents/carers/friends to come and see what they have achieved and support their businesses!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!