

# 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*



## Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of the penultimate week of a short Spring term, we give thanks for our school community.

This week, as always, the children have shown a love of learning and have been demonstrating our values in how they live out their school lives. I see wisdom, love, perseverance each and every day and Koinonia is certainly at the heart of everything we do. Please take a look at our class blogs to see the wonderful learning experiences taking place each and every day (links are in the newsletter to take you straight there).

At both schools, we have had our second Health and Safety audit from Elite. They come to audit and review the school each half term to help mitigate risks and help us to write risk assessments. We are pleased that we had completed an overwhelming majority of the actions from the action plan in November. The H & S advisor deemed our Trim Trail as low risk and could be used now. However, we have made the decision and restrict use until weather improves. We are committed to the health and safety of our pupils, staff, school community and Elite support us in this.

In Governors meeting this week, we celebrated how far we have come as a school community and our Chair of Governors, Stephen Webb, was impressed with how he could see that the values are at the heart of our school and curriculum. He was impressed by the staff, as leaders of their curriculum subjects, for their knowledge, enthusiasm and passion. I would like to thank Mr Webb for coming in to monitor the curriculum and to my passionate staff, who are driving the highest standards and expectations for their subjects.

This afternoon, I am attending a DFE update in regard to academisation. I will keep you posted. It looks like we will academize on 1st April 2024.

I would like to thank all the parents who support our 'Rock up and Read' and help us to raise the profile of reading for pleasure.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!



## What's Coming Up This Week

### Monday 5th February

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits



### Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day



### Wednesday 6th February

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### Friday 9th February

9am Let your Light Shine—Awards & Silver Dojo Achievement  
(Parents invited—see list of children receiving awards on Pg 5)

# Dinners for Week Commencing 5th February 2024

This week is: Week 2

	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

**FOMH**  
Friends of Mary Howard

**HAPPY EASTER**

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Friends of Mary Howard

Bring the whole family and come and join us for an evening of  
**Easter fun** at  
**MARY HOWARD SCHOOL**  
on  
**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**  
5pm-8pm  
£5 adults, £5 children, £2 under 5s  
Bingo games with prizes  
Easter Egg hunt and Easter activities  
Food and drink available to purchase

Please detach slip or hand a note in to school reception, with correct cash or bank transfer (reference surname)  
Number of adult tickets \_\_\_\_ at £5 each  
Number of child tickets \_\_\_\_ at £5 each  
Number of under 2 tickets \_\_\_\_ at £2 each  
Friends of Mary Howard Primary School, Sort Code 30-98-44,  
Account number 00264406

## IMPORTANT



We are a nut-free school.

All lunchboxes and snacks must be nut-free.

This includes nut-containing products such as peanut butter, some biscuits and snack bars.

Thank you for your support.



Please note things that state 'may contain nuts' are acceptable!

## Children's Mental Health Week

Week commencing 5th February will be Children's Mental Health Week. This year's 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/>

## 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](#)

## GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK

Today we say goodbye to Miss Roberts. She was hoping to stay until the end of this half term but she had the opportunity to start her new role next week so we agreed with an early move. On behalf of everyone at Mary Howard, we thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her exciting new adventure and wish her all the best with her move.

# For Action

## Standon Bowers Outdoor Activity Centre Trip—Year 5 & 6

The Year 5 & Year 6 trip to Standon Bowers Outdoor Activity Centre will take place on Monday 15th July—Wednesday 17th July. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form at

<https://forms.office.com/e/Zqtz8XW76e>

by Friday 1st March. The £25 deposit must be paid via ParentPay by the same date. This will be added to ParentPay ready for payment on Tuesday 6th February

More details will be sent home closer to the time but if you have any questions, please email us at [office@maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk)



## 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!



# Parent/Carer Invite

## Mother's Day Lunches—Save the Date

Lunches will start at 12pm, if you would like to attend please log into your ParentPay account and make a payment for the following dates.

**Class 1—Wednesday 28th February - deadline for payment is 6th February**



**Class 2—Wednesday 6th March - deadline for payment is 21st February**



**Class 3—Wednesday 13th March - deadline for payment is 28th February**



Once you have paid please could you confirm to the office your food choice and any allergies.

\* *Roast of the Day*

\* *Jacket Potato (choice of fillings, Beans, Tuna or Cheese)*

\* *Sandwich Choice (Ham, Cheese or Tuna)*

Thank you!



## Let your Light Shine!

**Friday 9th February 9am**

Parents are welcome to attend. Please see nominations below.

Ellen 'Perseverance' - Year 1

Charlie 'Wisdom' - Year 2

Bradley 'Perseverance' - Year 3

Henry 'Wisdom' - Year 4

Jakob 'Koinonia' - Year 5

Amelia 'Perseverance' - Year 6

The following children will receive Headteacher Good Behaviour Certificate.

Olivia - Class 1

Sienna - Class 2

Isla H - Class 3

**\*\* Dojo Silver award list will be posted on Dojo next week\*\***

**PARENTS INVITED**





# 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/>

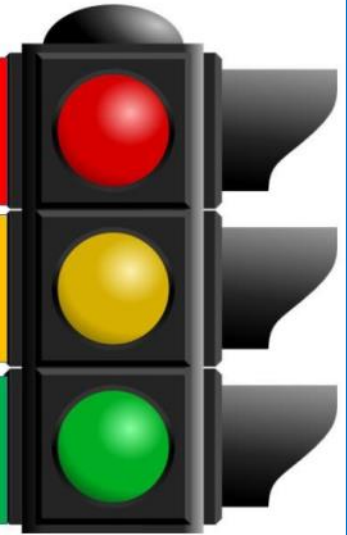
## Why is it important?

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 - 96.26%**

**Class Two - 96.82%**

**Class Three - 96.14%**

### 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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#### 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— 9am: Let your Light Shine

Monday 19th February—Children back at school

Wednesday 21st February—NCMP—Year 6

Thursday 22nd February—Swimming Gala - 3.30 to 5pm(children TBC)

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

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

#### March

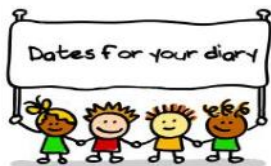
Wednesday 6th March—9.15am Mothering Sunday Church Service

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 - 45

Earth - 35

Fire - 30

Water - 42

**Well done Air!**