



Mary Howard C E (VC) Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 6th October 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

Book Fair

We will have a selection of books, arriving from Scholastic Books. They will be available from 7th November and will be out on display on 8th November for Parents Evening. There will be several ways to pay. You can scan the QR code/ Purchase vouchers/Car payment on the night.



Rock up & Read

On the first Friday of every month (3rd November) 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.



Dear families

Well, we have had some exciting news since last week's newsletter. We congratulate Miss Bolton and Mr Morley on the safe arrival of baby Freddie last Saturday. Mum and baby are doing well, and Dad says that Freddie is sleeping well! Long may that continue. Thank you to all the parents who have passed on their congratulations.

We are in the midst of the Autumn term and although the nights are drawing in, our schools continue to shine. Please check out our website and class blogs to see all the rich learning that is enabling our children to grow and flourish.

This week, our Y4, 5 and 6 football team had their first training session. Mr Finn is really impressed with the team as they prepare for their first tournament at Rugeley Leisure Centre on Monday 16th October. This will be against the other four schools in the TSSMAT. We will compete as The Mease because together we are stronger! We are just getting our green football tops made with our schools' logos and our sponsor Ikon Fostering printed on the back.

Thank you to Ikon Fostering for sponsoring us.

We are also pleased to announce that we have managed to secure funding towards developing a Forest School and outdoor learning provision. We have also ordered all the resources for our Spiritual Garden. We just need the time and help to set it up.

 The children are busy preparing for our Harvest Festivals which will take place in our village churches. Again, thank you to Sarah Ennis, who is leading hymn practice in both schools. We are so lucky to have her musical expertise.

Over the next two weeks, we will have our first Parent forums. This is a great opportunity to strengthen home-school relationships. The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. Come along to see what it's all about (contact the office for more details).

As we come to the end of another week, I give thanks for our school communities, the wonderful children and my hard-working staff.

Have a restful weekend

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher



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Harvest Festival

This year, our Harvest Festival Service will take place in Church on Thursday 12th October at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the service. We are asking for donations for Tamworth Food Bank. Below is a list of items they are short of and would really appreciate. Please bring donations to school by Monday 9th October, thank you.

URGENTLY NEEDED: Tinned Fruit

Toiletries Toilet rolls Small bottles of Squash Tinned Vegetables Tinned Fish Tinned Meat—Stew, Curry, Chilli Small jars of Coffee **No baby formula**





At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Monday 9th October 2023. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Miss Warner



Dinners for Week Commencing 9th October This week is: Week 3



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

5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24

12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10th October—PE Enrichment Day—Children come to school in PE Kits Wednesday 11th October—FOHM Meeting at 6pm Thursday 12th October — Harvest Festival Thursday 12th October – Flu Vaccinations (Information emailed) Monday 23rd October— Thank you Vicar Week Friday 27th October—WOW Worship—9am Friday 27th October –Half Term Friday 3rd November—Rock up & Read! 8.45 to 9.15am Monday 6th November — Children back in school Wednesday 8th November—Parents Evening & Book Fair 8th November Parents Evening Bookings will open soon-further information to follow December-Christmas Trip-Details to follow



School Photographs

The deadline for any orders is Monday 9th October. Please hand any order forms to the office by 9am on this day, thank you.

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—<u>Class Blogs | The Mease Federation</u>

Class Three—<u>Class Blogs | The Mease Federation</u>

Wraparound—Wraparound Blogs | The Mease Federation

Attendance figures for this week.

Class One - 100%

Class Two - 100%

Class Three - 93.33%







We now have a Defibrillator in our school, which can be used during school hours!



Well done to Alfie & James For receiving an Achievement Certificate in Karate!



Dojo Scores for this week: Air— 34 Earth- 33 Fire— 47 Water— 36 Brilliant! Well done Fire!



After School Sessions

Any children who are booked for our After School Club, please would you ensure your child is picked up by 5pm w/c 9th October.

Thank you



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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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