

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

8th December 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear families

This week has flown by and despite the challenges with the weather, flooding and ice, we continue to provide the very best learning experiences for the children in our Mease family.

This week, along with practicing for the Christingle and Nativity, it has also been assessment week. This week enables the staff to identify the children's strengths and areas of need which informs both planning and targeted interventions for the spring term.

This week, we have had a special visitor, Mrs Gethin and her dog Ralph. Mrs Gethin is the CEO of the TSSMAT. We are in the process of Academising and joining the TSSMAT and are set to Academise early in 2024. I will keep you updated with the time frames but we are hopeful for February. The children were really excited to meet them both as she met all the children from both schools. Going forward children will be selected to walk, bath and read with Ralph, so please contact the office if you do not want your child to engage with Ralph due to allergies etc.

I would also like to thank you for your support with the Reverse Advent Calendar. We are certainly getting quite a bounty which I know will be gratefully received by the Tamworth Foodbank. Our Kindness kits are coming together, so if you haven't already we would welcome any donations to the kits (further information in the newsletter).

It's certainly a special time of year and it's lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces.

As we approach the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace. This is a time of coming together, of building a community of faith that is open to all. Our value of Koinonia encapsulates this as we live out our value in our every day lives.

Seasons blessings

Miss Mills

Lord Jesus we often pray that your kingdom would come. So we ask that your reign in our lives would flourish and grow. Strengthen us especially at this busy time, that we might make time for preparation. In the midst of the rush of life, help us to find inner quietness and an awareness of your presence. Let this Christmas be a time when we concern ourselves not so much with material presents, but rather our spiritual blessings.

Amen

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 11th December

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



Tuesday 12th December

- Christingle at the church 6pm to 7pm



Wednesday 13th December

- SH Active—PE Kits required (bring in separately and children will change upon return from Snowdome)
- Christmas Trip to the Snowdome AM



Dinners for Week Commencing 11th December

This week is: Week 2

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

Wednesday 13th December—Departing School at 9.00am

Children will need to come dressed in appropriate clothing for our trip to the Snowdome:

Wellies/boots

Thick socks

Coat

Hat

Scarf

Gloves

Lots of layer

Not suitable are jeans/denim



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

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.

We would welcome any donations for the kits by Friday 15th December to enable Spiritual Council to assemble the kits and deliver them before the end of half term.

Thank you.



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. You do not need to book on ParentPay. Payment will not be required if your child is KS1 or FSM.

Thank you



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



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helpdesk@bag2school.com

Our reverse advent calendar started Friday 1st December

We will be collecting donations until Tuesday 19th ready for packing up & delivering to Tamworth food bank on Wednesday 20th.

Please drop any donations to the office with Mrs Boag. Names will go on our reverse advent calendar board in reception & children will receive a highly coveted Koinonia dojo for each donation!

More information on Tamworth food bank & the Trussell Trust can be found at <https://Tamworth.foodbank.org.uk/>

Items that are especially needed in are: Tinned fruit, toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel), small bottles of squash, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, small jars of coffee, gluten free food, 10/12 month + baby food

Items the food bank currently have plenty of are: beans, tomatoes, tea bags, size 2 and 4 nappies, baby formula.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support at this time of year!



For Information



Christmas Card Post Box is now open. The children can now bring in their Christmas card and post them to their friends. Post box is next to our Christmas Tree.



Christingle



Christingle will take place in Church on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm.



All are welcome.

Singing Christmas Carols at Haunton Hall

We would like to invite parents/carers and children to join Miss Mills in singing Christmas Carols with the Church at Haunton Hall on Wednesday 20th December. If you would like to attend please let the office know so that we are aware of who to expect. Please meet at 5.50pm for a 6pm start. We hope to see you there!



For Information

*****Wraparound Care Clubs*****

Good News! Mr Morley has said he will be back January!

Starting from 9th January.

Booking forms are available from the office. Please ensure you have booked in advance. Deadline for the return of booking forms in readiness for next term is Wednesday 20th December.

Payment will be needed prior to attendance. Please log on to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding amounts.

Thank you for your continued support!

This may be subject to change

PE Days *Change for this half term*

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



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

*****Leave during School Term*****

From Monday 4th December, any requests that are received for leave during term time and are not deemed exceptional circumstances will automatically be referred to Staffordshire County Council for consideration of a penalty notice being issued. This will apply to all children that are of compulsory school age and is in line with our Attendance Policy which supports our aim to improve overall school attendance. If you would like any further information, please contact the office.

Spark Winter Reading Fun with the Free Online Winter Mini Challenge!

This is a **free** online Winter Mini Challenge! The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust this year, to encourage children to unleash the power of play, sport, and physical activity through reading. This bite-sized challenge is perfect for keeping young minds active during the holidays. The Winter Mini Challenge is **online** where children can unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities. All children are eligible, so please to join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1st of December.

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](#)



For Information

TAMWORTH DISTRICT

FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FREE for parents and carers – please email your name, child's name and date of birth together with your contact number, address and which course and day you are interested in

For professionals – please complete the groupwork referral form and send to the above email

**STARTING
MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY
AT GLASCOTE
CHILDREN'S CENTRE
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

 Staffordshire
County Council



TAMWORTH DISTRICT

FAMILY GROUPWORK COURSES



FREE TO BOOK ON
TERM TIME ONLY



10 week, FREE courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

**STARTING MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY 2024
GLASCOTE CHILDREN'S**

**CENTRE
SIMPLY PLAY
1PM - 3PM**



**A FACE TO FACE COURSE
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-4 YEARS**

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL
GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

 Staffordshire
County Council

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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

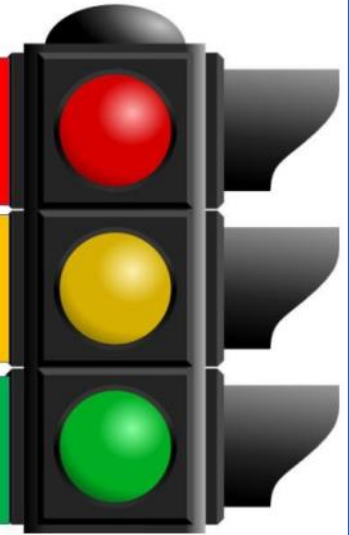
Why is it important?

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%

Class Two - 97.55%

Class Three - 96.93%

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

DATES TO NOTE

December

Tuesday 12th December—Christingle in Church— 6pm

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

Tuesday 19th December—Nativity in Church—9.15am

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

Tuesday 19th December - Final Day Donations for Reverse Advent!

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December—Wow Work Worship—9am

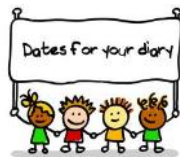
Friday 22nd December—Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties & Break up for Christmas

January

Monday 8th January—Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January—Children return to school

Tuesday 30th January - Please return your Bag2School



Dojo Scores



ClassDojo

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

Air - 33

Earth - 51

Fire - 50

Water - 42

Well done to Earth!

SH Active Information

4-13 YEARS

SH ACTIVE SPORTS SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

WHERE SPORTS AND FUN UNITE:
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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.

Koinonia - Wisdom - Love - Perseverance



Spaces Available

FOR MORE DETAILS OR A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOLS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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