

# 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 week three, our theme this week has been love. A love of books and a love for the special ladies in our lives.

We have had two wonderful Mothers' Day celebrations in our churches this week, with the children singing such catchy songs that I've been humming them all week.

On Wednesday, Rachael in the kitchen, did an amazing job at catering for our children and for Class 2's Mums and carers. The food was delicious and the children enjoyed this special time with their loved ones in school. Thank you to the staff for helping serve and for making the occasion go smoothly. Next week we welcome Mums and special ladies from Class 3 to join us for a lunchtime treat.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see the children and staff dressed up as their favourite characters from books new and old. Our 'Rock up and Read' was well attended so thank you for your support in celebrating the love of books and reading! Your support during our 'Rock up and Read' sessions really does have a positive impact on the children and certainly helps them to enjoy reading.

As we approach the weekend, I hope that you have a wonderful weekend celebrating the important women in your lives. It is a very special day in all our hearts. It is also a time to remember the special Mothers that are no longer with us, for you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes

Miss Mills

*1 Corinthians 16:14 "Do everything in love."*



## What's Coming Up This Week

### Monday 11th March

- ◆ SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits

### Tuesday 12th March

- ◆ Non uniform day—Easter Egg donations please

### Wednesday 13th March

- ◆ Class 3—Mothers Day Lunch 12pm
- ◆ SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kit

### Friday 15th March

- ◆ Comic Relief—Non Uniform—**Red to Toe!**
- ◆ Any donations please see link below - this was also emailed Friday 8th March.

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- ◆ Class 2 Rosliston Forestry Centre Trip - Out all day - details to follow

### Class 2 Rosliston Forestry Centre Trip

We are pleased to confirm that the Class 2 Rosliston Trip will be going ahead next Friday 15th March. Please remember that children need to be dropped off by 9.00am and collected at 3.00pm. Children will need to wear appropriate clothing especially comfortable bottoms i.e. jeans, jogging bottoms, and comfortable shoes. They will also require a packed lunch, water bottle and weather appropriate outer clothing. If your child is eligible for free school meals and would like a packed lunch prepared by the kitchen, please contact the office before Tuesday 12th March. Thank you.

# For Action

## Easter Day at St Andrew's—Thursday 21st March

Our Easter Day will be taking place on Thursday 21st March. On this day **ALL** children (St Andrew's & Mary Howard) will be based at **St Andrew's** for the day. **Please can children wear the colour of their house team (as per list shown).**

These are the plans for the day:

- Gates will open from 8.45am - 9.00am for drop-offs, unless booked into Care Club from 7.45am—this will be open to children from **either** school at a cost of £5 for the session. Parking will be available at the Green Man car park.

- Hot/cold lunch will be available at St Andrew's - otherwise you can send your child in with a packed lunch

- Our Easter service will take place at 3.00pm in Church led by Reverend John. All parents/carers are welcome to join us from 2.45pm ready for a 3.00pm start. Parking will be available at the Green Man car park.

- To ease congestion at the end of the day, Mary Howard children will be dismissed directly from Church after the service. St Andrew's children will walk back to school and be dismissed from there as usual.

- After school Care Club will be available from 3.30pm for children from **either** school who may need the wraparound care, and to 5.15pm for Mary Howard children. Children will be able to take part in Easter Bingo.

**Please note that any care club bookings for St Andrew's children will need to be paid in cash. Payments for Mary Howard children can be made as per the normal process.**

We will start our day at St Andrew's for registration and then proceed to Church for morning activities. Children will return to school at lunchtime and will then go back to Church for afternoon activities and the Easter service. **Please send your child with a water bottle/packed lunch (if required) only. No bags will be required.**

We would like to thank you for your continued support, in the meantime should you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Water (Blue)	Air (Yellow)	Fire (Red)	Earth (Green)
Betty	Phoebe	George H	Adalie
Nicky	Ellen	Evangeline	Jude
Ocean	Charlie	Holly	Kye
George M	Henry	Olivia G	Myra
Bradley	Isla B	Luke	Rhea
Sienna	Maiya	Darci	Isla M
Elodie	Olivia B	Sophia	Brooke
Amelia	Jakob	Olivia-R B	Isla H
Max	James	Harry	Matilda
Thomas	Inaaya	Reuben	Alfie
Ruby	Freddy	Maisie	Eliza



# Dinners for Week Commencing 11th March 2024

This week is: Week 1

## WEEK ONE

MONDAY

### Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

TUESDAY

### Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower**  
Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

WEDNESDAY

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Broccoli, Sliced Carrot**  
Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)

THURSDAY

### Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Green Beans, Swede**  
Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)

FRIDAY

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Flapjack (Ve)

6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24

## WEEK TWO

### Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

### Pizza

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn, Green Beans**  
Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cauliflower, Carrot Batons**  
Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)

### Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cabbage, Garden Peas**  
Banana Custard (V)

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24

## WEEK THREE

### Pizza Mac & Cheese (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Rainbow Veg**  
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

### Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Sweetcorn, Green Beans**  
Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

### Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Cabbage, Sliced Carrot**  
Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)

### Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Swede, Shredded Carrots**  
Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)

### Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips

Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta  
**Baked Beans, Garden Peas**  
Iced Shortbread (Ve)

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



## ClassDojo

### This Week's Dojo Scores

#### Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 53

Earth - 53

Fire - 69

Water - 59

**Well done Fire!**

### 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](#)

### Play Equipment

We have recently had a 2nd inspection carried out on our Play Equipment and Outdoor Classroom

They have confirmed that these items are safe for the children to use.

### Friends of Mary Howard Easter Fun!

Join us for an evening of Easter fun with prizes to be won in Bingo and the egg hunt! Crafts included, raffle tickets, food and drink all available to purchase. Parents, if you are unable to make it please feel free to purchase a ticket for your child and drop them off with us with some cash for food and drink. Eyes down from 6pm!



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

For Information

# ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

## EASTER HOLIDAYS



PAINTING 3D MODELING  
ART & CRAFT DRAWING

ARTCLUBS.KIDS  
powered by kurowska.art

developed by real artists  
open to all skill levels  
affordable prices



TUE 26 MAR - THU 28 MAR  
every day from 10 am to 4 pm

Online booking: [www.halfterm.artclubs.kids](http://www.halfterm.artclubs.kids)

Dates to Note

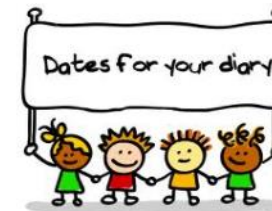
### DATES TO NOTE

#### March

- ◆ Tuesday 12th March—NON UNIFORM! Easter Egg donations, please
- ◆ Wednesday 13th March 12pm—Class 3—Mothers Day Lunch
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day! Red to Toe!
- ◆ Friday 15th March—Class 2—Rosliston Forestry Centre Trip
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Whole School at St. Andrews
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Whole School Easter Service—St Andrews Church. Please arrive at 2.45 to start at 3pm
- ◆ Thursday 21st March—Easter Fun Evening 5pm to 8pm at Mary Howard (organised by FOMH)
- ◆ Friday 22nd March at 9am—Assembly—Living out our Visions & Dojo Awards

#### April

- ◆ Monday 8th April - Children back in School
- ◆ Wednesday 10th—Entrust—Live Music Performance
- ◆ Thursday 11th—Swimming —Further details to follow



# Mothers Day Lunches—Class 1 & Class 2



# Mothering Sunday Service



# World Book Day!





# 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/>

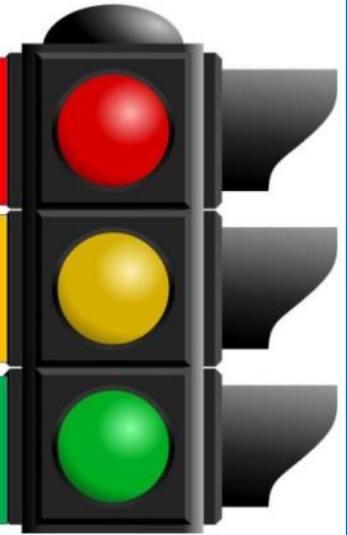
## Why is it important?

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 - 92.31%**

**Class Two - 96.92%**

**Class Three - 94.44%**

### 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!