

Dear Families

How wonderful it is to be back with our Mease family in the glorious sunshine. We have had a fun-filled week with lots of wonderful learning experiences had by all. The new starters have settled in beautifully and behaviour continues to be exceptional in both schools. Our new members of staff already feel part of the Mease family.

The staff have been working hard to make the school environment a warm, purposeful and enjoyable place to be. They have also worked together to plan their scheme of learning linked to our Cycle B overview (See website-class pages for more information).

This week we have focused on the book 'Flower Power' to help launch our updated vision and values. We were lucky to have welcomed the author, Caroline Wedd, into our schools, who discussed her inspiration for the book. You can purchase a signed copy (see Flower Power Section of the Newsletter).

The children may be talking about *Grow and Flourish*, which is our new motto. The children will be launching our new vision and values soon, so watch this space!

Over the holidays, there has been lots of improvements taking place, especially at Mary Howard. Over the summer, we have had the kitchen refitted. We have also had new flooring and painting throughout. Outside of Class 3 has also been painted. The children were amazed by the improvements and we had lots of 'wow's' when they first came in.

It has certainly been a good summer for improvements in both schools and an even better start to the year. We are excited to see what this year brings for our Mease family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Rachel Mills

Executive Headteacher

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 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." Matthew 13:31-32



Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome everyone old and new to Mary Howard! We hope you had a wonderful summer and we can't wait for another great academic year.



Please let the school office know if you have had any changes to your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, emails etc. It is important that we have correct contact details for you!

Attendance

Did you know?

Attendance is covered under the Ofsted 'Behaviour and Attitudes Judgement.' Inspectors will evaluate the extent to which pupils' high attendance and are punctual. They are looking for evidence of a string focus on attendance and punctuality so that disruption is minimised. In order to receive an 'outstanding' or 'good' judgement in this area, students should have high attendance and be punctual.

Our attendance target this year is 97%. Please help us achieve this by minimising unnecessary absences. Thank you.

Please be reminded that the gates open at 8:45 and Daily Worship starts at 9am prompt.

Dojo Update

Class Dojo (<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>)

Parents are given a code to log in to Class Dojo once their child has started school. The app can then be downloaded to a phone or accessed on a PC.

Positive behaviour is rewarded with our online Dojo points system. Each child has their own unique emoji character, which they can modify, through which they attempt to reach targets in order to receive certificates.



Children earn points based on our values of *Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance* for demonstrating overarching principles (see image). Through the app, parents can see how many Dojos their child has earned in a day, and why it was awarded.

Dojo points are collected throughout the school year. Certificates are awarded during our half-termly Wow Worship assemblies, in which parents are invited to see their children receive their awards. once the below number of points are reached:
50 Dojo Points- Bronze certificates
100 Dojo Points- Silver certificates

Book Sale

Next Friday we will be having a book sale at 3.30pm. All books will cost 50p each. This will be taking place on the school car park.



School Uniform

We have been really pleased with how smart the children have looked this week in their appropriate school uniform.

On PE days (Mondays and Thursdays), children will continue to come to school in their school PE kit to minimise loss of lesson time and it minimises loss of clothing. However, this PE kit need to be smart and comprises of:

Plain black shorts

Plain white t-shirts or polo shirt

Plain black track suit jumper or zipped track suit top

Plain black Trainers

No logoed brands on clothing or football kits please- We have the same expectations and standards for our PE kits as we do for our school uniform.

For further information please visit:

Mary Howard: [Uniform | The Mease Federation](#)

St. Andrews: [Uniform | The Mease Federation](#)

House Points

This year our house point teams have changed to:

WATER

AIR

FIRE

EARTH

Children have been made aware of what house they are in, please make sure to ask them!



Dinners for Week Commencing 11th September

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

Flower Power

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child has been taking part in activities in school this week (4 - 8th September) based around our picture storybook, Flower Power!

If you would like to purchase a signed copy for your child, please go to www.flowerpowerbook.co.uk and take the following steps:

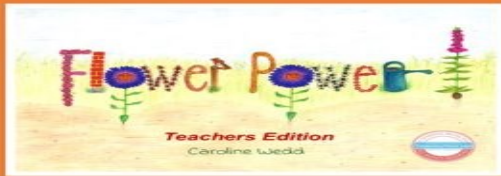
1. Go to our shop, select the picture storybook Flower Power! product number FPA1
2. Enter the correct coupon code for your child's school to receive a 10% discount and free shipping:

Code for Mary Howard: QRCF9E5G - the code expires at midnight on 24/09/23.

Code for St Andrews: KKYWRRFA - the code expires at midnight on 24/09/23

3. Follow the payment instructions to complete your order.
4. If you would like your signed book to be addressed specifically to your child, please add their name after your own when you are asked to enter your name and address.
5. The books will be delivered by hand to your school at the end of September, and sent home with your child.

Flower Power Book is a charity registered in England & Wales no. 1196754. We provide education and wellbeing resources to support children's emotional health and wellbeing.



DATES TO NOTE

Saturday 9th September—Edingale Village Fair

Tuesday 19th September—Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 21st September—Academy Parent Sessions (details to follow)

Friday 22nd September—John Taylor working with Year 6—Maths

Thursday 28th September—MacMillan Morning (details to follow)

October—Black History Month

Monday 9th October— Harvest Festival (details to follow)

Monday 9th October— World Mental Health week (details to follow)

Tuesday 10th October –World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October—PE Enrichment Day

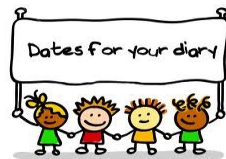
Thursday 12th October –Flu Vaccinations (further information on Dojo)

Monday 23rd October— Thank you Vicar Week

Friday 27th October—WOW Worship

Friday 27th October –Half Term

Monday 6th November— Children back in school



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—[Class Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

Class Three—[Class Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

Wraparound—[Wraparound Blogs | The Mease Federation](#)

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week.

Class One - 98%

Class Two - 100%

Class Three - 100%

Well Done Classes 2 & 3!

Going forward, if anyone owes over £50 for a particular ParentPay item, these services will be stopped until the balance is cleared. Weekly texts will continue to be sent on a Friday if there is any debt on the account. We appreciate the increased cost of living is making finances difficult but with how small our schools are, we simply cannot cover the debts that have accumulated.

If you are finding things difficult, please reach out to us and come and see Miss Mills to come up with a plan.

Thank you for your continued support.



AWESOME ANIMALS

A free, flexible, 4-week online family learning course

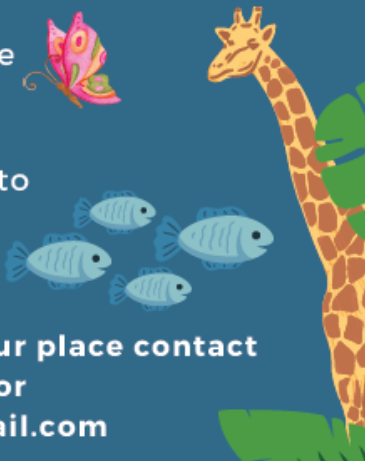
Starting Friday 15th September

For families in Staffordshire, with children aged 3-8

Your family will receive a fantastic weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you! From crafts, to cooking, to activities to support local wildlife, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family. Once enrolled on this course, you will receive an exclusive invitation to our live Autumn Family Event. Details TBC.

- Is your child animal mad?
- Are you looking for something flexible to do as a family around work and school?
- Would you like to support your child to develop a wide range of skills, as well as an early love of the natural world?

For more information and to reserve your place contact
Rebecca on 07525 120117 or
communityforestservices@gmail.com



FOREST SCHOOLS FOR FAMILIES

Free, 8 week, online course starting Friday 6th October.
For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, forest school activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. To reserve your place or for more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, the arts, and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience.

Families are also introduced to activities and resources to support mental health and wellbeing. Your family will also be invited to an exclusive Family Autumn Event - details TBC.

This course is free for families in Staffordshire.