

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



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

Well, that was an amazingly quick half term! Although short, we have achieved lots from coming first in the TSSMAT Dodgeball tournament to the continual development of skills across each of the curriculum areas. Our children are most certainly getting a well-rounded diet of learning experiences. Thank you to all my staff who are ensuring that our children are getting the very best, which is enabling them to grow and flourish. We have welcomed some new families to St Andrew's and hope that they are enjoying becoming part of the family.

Over 1 half term, we have a team of decorators and carpet fitters going into St Andrew's to give the school a rejuvenation. It's going to be a quick turn around and we hope that it's completed in the short timeframe. We look forward to seeing the results upon our return.

Next term, we are looking forward to exploring Easter and having an experience day at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 21st March. We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Bennett will be returning to her leadership duties on a phased return. Mrs Bennett cannot wait to return and I know that you will all welcome her back as she has been greatly missed. Mrs Bates will continue as class teacher for Class 2.

We are hopeful that we will be also academising on 1st April 2024. We are continuing our quest to develop the outdoors and we have a new term of learning, see your child's class pages for information.

I would like to thank our parents and our local communities, who continue to support us. Koinonia continues to be at the heart of everything we do.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term and enjoy Shrove Tuesday.

Keep safe

Miss Mills

Psalm 107:8-9: "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 19th February

SH Active. Please send children in their PE Kits



Tuesday 20th February



Wednesday 21st February

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Thursday 22nd February

Swimming Gala—3.30pm to 5.45pm (further information will follow)



Friday 23rd February

Dinners for Week Commencing 19th February 2024

This week is: Week 1

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	<p>Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p>Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Rainbow Veg Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn & Peppers, Cauliflower Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Pizza Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn, Green Beans Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Broccoli, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Green Beans, Swede Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p>Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Cabbage, Garden Peas Banana Custard (V)</p>	<p>Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg) Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Swede, Shredded Carrots Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta Baked Beans, Garden Peas 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

Let your Light Shine!

There were a lot of certificates to give out this term! Well done to:

Ellen 'Perseverance' - Year 1

Charlie 'Wisdom' - Year 2

Bradley 'Perseverance' - Year 3

Henry 'Wisdom' - Year 4

Jakob 'Koinonia' - Year 5

Amelia 'Perseverance' - Year 6

Head Teacher Award:

Olivia - Class 1, Sienna - Class 2, Isla H - Class 3



Dojo Scores



ClassDojo

This Week's Dojo Scores

Dojo Scores for this week:

Air - 43

Earth - 60

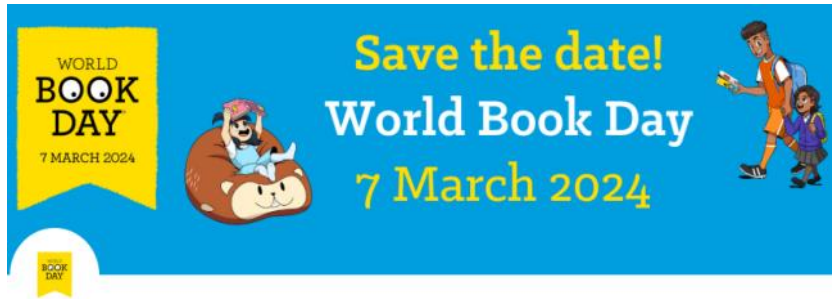
Fire - 43

Water - 28

Well done Earth!



For Information



In a similar vein to last year, we would like to invite children to dress up as their favourite book character, or alternatively wear their pj's or onesie. Rock Up and Read will be held at 8.45–9.15am on this day instead of the usual Friday so parents/carers can celebrate this day with their children. We will also be holding a 'book exchange' so please bring in a book to swap if you would like to.

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](#)

Spiritual Council Awards

Well done to:

Freddy, Jakob, Sophia, Ocean, Ruby & Jude

A flyer for an Easter event at Mary Howard School. The flyer is decorated with a border of colorful Easter eggs. At the top, there are logos for FOMH (Friends of Mary Howard) and a 'HAPPY EASTER' graphic with a rabbit. The text reads: 'Bring the whole family and come and join us for an evening of Easter fun at MARY HOWARD SCHOOL on THURSDAY 21st 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'. At the bottom, there is a box with ticket information: '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'. There are also small icons of a burger and a hot dog.

For Action

Standon Bowers Residential—Years 5 & 6

Monday 15th July to Wednesday 17th July 2024

The total cost of the Residential is £260.50 this includes insurance, accommodation, food, activities & travel costs.

There will be a requirement of £25 non refundable deposit by Friday 23rd February to secure your child's place. Payment can now be made through Parentpay over 3 instalments of £78.50 on 29th March, 29th April & 29th May.

The government has increased funding for families who are currently eligible for free school meals. If your family falls within the remit you will be entitled to a free place, only having to pay £10 deposit for the insurance.

Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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

Thank you



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!



Dates to Note

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February

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—PE Enrichment Day

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

March

Tuesday 5th March—10 am—Academy Photography—Class Groups, Leavers Groups & leavers individuals

Wednesday 6th March—9.15am Mothering Sunday Church Service

Wednesday 6th March 12pm—**Class 2**—Mothers Day Lunch

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 8.45 to 9.15am—Rock up & Read

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



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/>

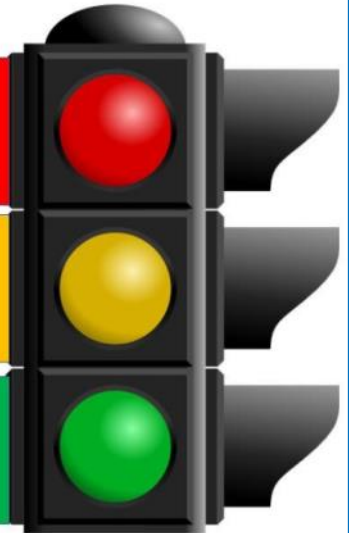
Why is it important?

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.

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!