Grow and Flourish

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Mary Howard & St Andrew's Primary Schools

Autumn Term 1

27th September 2024 Bislams Constanting Store

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,

What a busy and exciting week we have had at Mary Howard Primary and St. Andrews!

This week, we had the pleasure of capturing treasured moments with our school photos. It's always wonderful to see our children smiling and showcasing their unique personalities. These photographs will serve as cherished memories for years to come.

We also held our Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this worthy cause. Your generosity and support make a significant difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Additionally, we were thrilled to welcome Pep the Poet to our schools. Our children had a fantastic time exploring their creativity and expressing themselves through rap. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with poetry in a fun and dynamic way!

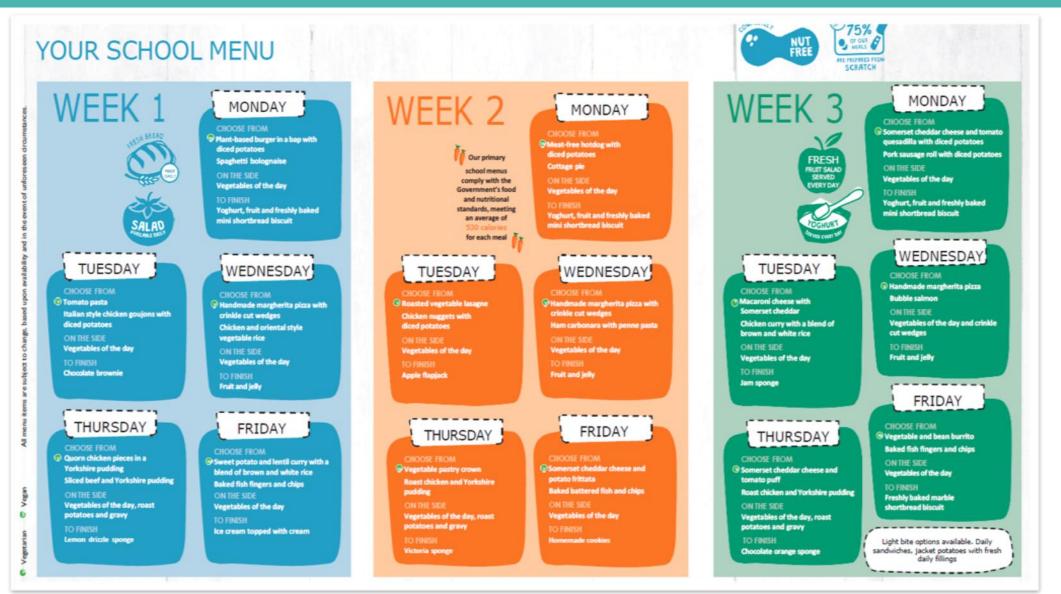
As we reflect on the week, I am reminded of the biblical quote from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This serves as a powerful reminder of the potential within each of our children and the support we provide to help them achieve their goals.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more exciting events in the coming weeks!

Warm regards, Miss Mills

Dinners for Week Commencing 9th September 2024

This week is: Week 2



What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 30th September

- Restart Little Heroes Initiative- pupils get stickers each day they attend and arrive on time!
- PE kits

Tuesday 1st October

- Mary Howard- One more step finish line-3pm
- St Andrew's Quiz Night at The Green Man-6pm

Wednesday 2nd October

• Mary Howard- bag2school final donation day

Thursday 3rd October

Friday 4th October

- PE Kits
- Rock up and Read- 8:45-9:15- all welcome



Dates to Note

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October

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- 04.10 Rock up and Read– 8:45-9:15
- WC 14.10– Harvest Festival- dates TBC
- 15.10-St Andrews Parent Forum– 2:45pm-3:30pm
- 17.10-Mary Howard Parent Forum 2:45pm-3:30pm
- 25.10– Let your Light Shine– Values Assembly– Mary Howard
 9am and St Andrew's 3pm

Upcoming Church Events:

Mary Howard

- Harvest Wednesday 16th October at 9:15am.
- Christingle Tuesday 10th December at 6pm.
- Nativity Wednesday 18th December at 9:15am.

St Andrews

- Harvest Thursday 17th October at 9:40am.
- Christingle Wednesday 11th December at 6pm.
- Nativity Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am.



For Information

Grow and Flourish

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 Friday 11th October 2024. 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



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER

foodbank

LONG-LIFE MILK

TOILETRIES -SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/DEODORANT

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH

TINNED VEGETABLES -CARROTS/SWEETCORN/PEAS

TINNED FISH

TINNED MEAT - STEW, CURRY, CHILLI, HOT DOGS, CHICKEN, MEATBALLS

SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

SIZE 6 NAPPIES

SOUP

SUGAR

TOILET ROLLS

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

BEANS

TOMATOES

SIZE 1, 2, 3 AND 4 NAPPIES

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For Information



Local, Friendly Yoga Classes

Suitable for all ages and abilities. Get fit and have fun!

Fully insured and qualified instructor. Classes cost £6.00 per session For more information contact Keely on 07795 692 332

Classes available in-

Clifton Campville Monday 6.45pm - 7.45pm Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am

Elford Tuesday 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Kings Bromley Wednesday 9.30am - 10.30am Thursday 6.30pm - 7.30pm

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All Welcome

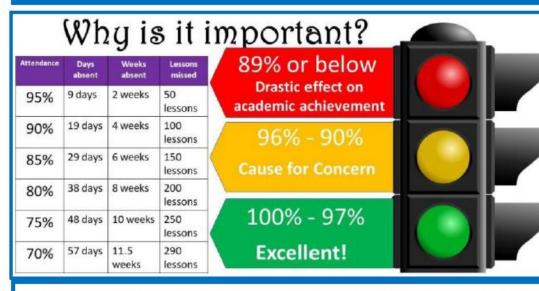
Rev Nicky and Laura Holy Trinity are hosting the following events over the Christmas period

- Blue Christmas service 10.15am -Sunday 1st December
- Christmas Activity Service 10.15am -Sunday 15th December.



Attendance

🕈 HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



Across the TSSMAT 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.

<u>Medical Appointments</u> 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!

Little Heroes Attendance

We are excited to announce the return of our Little Heroes Attendance Initiative for the current academic year. You will see posters and other promotional materials displayed throughout the school to raise awareness of this programme.

In each classroom, there is a sticker chart where pupils' names are displayed. Every day a pupil attends school and arrives on time, they will receive a sticker next to their name on the chart. The "Hero" acronym stands for "Here Everyday Ready and On Time" - the key pillars of this initiative.

The Little Heroes Attendance Initiative will run throughout the year. Pupils who maintain 100% attendance and punctuality each half term will be rewarded with a certificate.

For more detailed information about the programme, please visit the dedicated webpage at Staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes.

We appreciate your continued support in encouraging strong attendance habits among our pupil community. Together, we can ensure all our pupils have the best possible start to their day and

access the full benefits of their education.

For the TSSMAT Attendance policy, please click the link: Mary Howard: https://maryhoward.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendanceabsence

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September & Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Inset: TSSMAT training day for staff- Monday 4th November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset: Monday 2nd June