

# 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

13th October 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Dear Families,

At this time of year, we focus on the harvest. The children will be learning to give thanks for the food we have. Children will be learning about how we can help those less fortunate during harvest time, by contributing to our harvest collections. This year we will be supporting Trussell Trust charity so thank you for all of your contributions.

I was extremely proud of both of our services at St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity. The children spoke with confidence and sang beautifully, sharing why harvest is so important. Thank you to Revd Nicky and Revd John for hosting and closing our services. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did.

In terms of Academisation, we are moving closer to academising with TSSMAT. The proposed date is 1st February 2024. The MAT are already providing invaluable financial and HR support to our Federation. We are also excited about the fact that working together will make us stronger.

On Monday, we look forward to our first football tournament of the year. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children, from both schools, will be competing as the Mease (in green) against the other schools in the Academy. This will take place at Rugeley Leisure centre 2-3pm. We are awaiting our new sports kits so that we look the part whenever we compete. I am hopeful that this will lead to me getting a trophy cabinet! However, even if we don't win, it is so lovely to provide these opportunities for our schools to come together and compete.

After half term, we are excited to have our Vision and Values launch day. This is pencilled in for 16th November. We are hoping to get both schools together, based at Mary Howard, to work together in house point teams to have a special arts, music, outdoor learning day to launch our new vision with a Bang! Holy Trinity Church will launch the day. It will be so nice to get all the children and staff together in church. Watch this space!

We are certainly demonstrating growth and I can see children and staff flourishing each and every day.

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes,

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher



## Harvest Festival

TOGETHER,  
WE CAN  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.

Thank you to everyone for the very kind donations for Tamworth Food Bank. We hope you enjoyed our Harvest Service—the children certainly did!



## Parent/Carer Learning Consultations

A message regarding Parent/Carer Learning Consultations has been added to Dojo this week. Please complete the form with your three preferred time slots. Confirmation of appointments will be provided w/c 23rd October.

Thank you.

# safer parking at the school gates

Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents/carers with busy lives. Many parents/carers take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents/carers on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community.

Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

## Please don't:

- Block the road—emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
  - Park on the yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
  - Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
    - Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
    - Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
      - Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
  - Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.



## Visitors Book

We now have a visitors book in our reception/entrance to school. Please add a comment whenever you are impressed by something in school or anytime you think your child has grown or flourished because of school.



## Flu Vaccinations

Letters regarding upcoming flu vaccinations have been sent home. Please remember to fill in your consent form using the code and link on the letter.

Flu Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 9th November.



As the weather turns wetter and colder, please remember to send your child to school with a coat everyday, thank you.

Secondary School Applications are now open and will close on 31st October 2023. Letters and emails on how to apply have been sent home today. You will need the UID number in order to apply online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## 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](#)

## Federation Football Club

The schedule for this half term is;

Thursday 19th October—St Andrew's  
Thursday 26th October—Mary Howard

The first tournament will take place on Monday 16th October at Rugeley Leisure Centre 2pm—3pm.



## Special People

The Special People for week commencing 16.10.23 will be:

Class 1—Josh Lee

Class 2—Alexandra Magrath

Class 3—Louisa Magrath

We now have a Defibrillator in our school, which can be used during school hours!



# Dinners for Week Commencing 16th October

## This week is: Week 1

|                  | WEEK ONE   | WEEK TWO  | WEEK THREE   |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <p>Mac &amp; Cheese (V) <u>or</u><br/>                     Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)(Wg)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Rainbow Veg<br/>                     Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>   | <p>Vegetable Lasagne (V) <u>or</u><br/>                     Lentil &amp; Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Rainbow Veg<br/>                     Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>   | <p>Pizza Mac &amp; Cheese (V) <u>or</u><br/>                     Mild Sweet Potato &amp; Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Rainbow Veg<br/>                     Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <p>Mild &amp; Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Sweetcorn &amp; Peppers, Cauliflower<br/>                     Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>       | <p>Chicken Paella (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Sweetcorn, Green Beans<br/>                     Apple &amp; Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>   | <p>Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Sweetcorn, Green Beans<br/>                     Peach &amp; Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with<br/>                     Custard (V)</p>                             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <u>or</u><br/>                     Chickpea &amp; Veggie Puff with Roasties (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Broccoli, Sliced Carrot<br/>                     Strawberry Jelly &amp; Peaches (Ve)</p> | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <u>or</u><br/>                     Homemade Veggie &amp; Stuffing Roll with Roasties &amp;<br/>                     Gravy (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Cauliflower, Carrot Batons<br/>                     Orange Jelly &amp; Mandarins (Ve)</p> | <p>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy <u>or</u><br/>                     Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties &amp;<br/>                     Gravy (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Cabbage, Sliced Carrot<br/>                     Strawberry Jelly &amp; Pineapple (Ve)</p> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <p>Tuna &amp; Pea Pesto Pasta (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Penne with Tomato Super Sauce (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Green Beans, Swede<br/>                     Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>  | <p>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato<br/>                     Sauce (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Cabbage, Garden Peas<br/>                     Banana Custard (V)</p>   | <p>Chicken, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)<br/> <u>or</u> Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Swede, Shredded Carrots<br/>                     Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <u>or</u><br/>                     Falafel Wrap with Mint Yoghurt &amp; Chips (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Baked Beans, Garden Peas<br/>                     Flapjack (Ve)</p>                 | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <u>or</u><br/>                     Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Baked Beans, Garden Peas<br/>                     Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>  | <p>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <u>or</u><br/>                     Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve)<br/>                     Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling<br/>                     Baked Beans, Garden Peas<br/>                     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,<br/>                     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,<br/>                     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,<br/>                     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

## DATES TO NOTE

Monday 16th October—Football Tournament—  
Rugeley Leisure Centre

Monday 23rd October—Thank you Vicar week

Friday 27th October—WOW Worship 3pm

Friday 27th October—Half Term

Monday 6th November— Children back in school

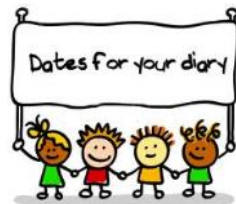
Tuesday 7th November—Parents/Carers Evening & Book Fair

Wednesday 8th November—NHS Careers Talk with Mrs Magrath—  
Class 3

Thursday 9th November—Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 16th November—Potential Vision and Values launch day at  
Mary Howard

December—Christmas Trip—Details to follow



To prevent uniform or personal items being lost, please ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



## NHS Careers Talk

Mrs Magrath has very kindly offered to come into school to deliver an interactive talk about NHS Careers, specifically Radiography as this is her current role. This will be for Class 3 and will take place on Wednesday 8th November. It will be a great opportunity for children to understand the variety of careers that are available to them and I'm sure they will enjoy it!

## This Week's Dojo Scores

Water—28

Fire—17

Air—12

Earth—27

**Well done Water!**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week



Class One—99.44%

Class Two—83.08%

Class Three—96.67%



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**ZORBING**  
St Andrews Primary school

£37

**Monday**  
Starting 11 Sep

**ZORBING**

3.30-4.30

A parent's dream! Being able to wrap their child literally in a bubble. Zorbing is a fun and exciting sport for all ages, from learning the basics of rolling, to playing battle games there's something for everyone in this club. Children will learn how to use our Zorbing bubbles safely as well as enjoy many of our games in this fun filled club.

**To book: Please scan the QR code or follow the link below.**

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**GYMNASTICS**  
St Andrews Primary school

£37

**Thursday**  
Starting 14 Sep

**GYMNASTICS**

3.30-4.30

We love to encourage individuality at our gymnastics club, we nurture whatever ability your child is at. If it's working on the basics on the mats or working on more advanced skills using the apparatus the club will help your child gain confidence performing their skills and showing off what they can do. We will work on shapes, rolls, stepping, jumps and acrobatic skills to help the children to improve their skills

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The Mease Federation  
NEW RECEPTION INTAKE

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.

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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.

Spaces Available

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

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October is  
**Walk INTO school MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.



Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

Discover more at [staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel)



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