

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 Mrs Gethin



We are moving closer to your schools, St Andrew's and Mary Howard, joining our Trust, The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust which currently consists of four, beautiful, rural schools.

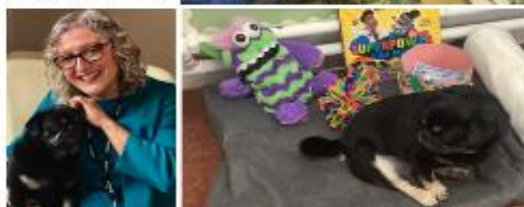
It has been an absolute pleasure across the year to build relationships with Governors, staff and children across The Mease Federation. Ralph and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the children properly last week and having a beautiful meal at Mary Howard, I was grateful to them for their hospitality.

It's also been very special to close the calendar year this Christmas by being blessed to attend the Christingle services for both schools in their local churches and it was great to meet families and communities as well as hear the children sing, share readings and prayers. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust, Ralph and I wish you all a very happy, restful and family filled Christmas and New Year.

C Gethin

Mrs Charlene Gethin (CEO) and Ralph.



What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 18th December

- SH Active—PE Kits required
- SH Active—After school club—Laser Tag—3.30pm-4.30pm



Tuesday 19th December

- Deadline for receipt of reverse advent calendar donations



Wednesday 20th December

- Whole school Nativity—9.15am
- Art Club—3.30pm-4.30pm
- SH Active—After school club—Archery—3.30pm-4.30pm



Thursday 21st December

- Christmas Dinner Day—children who haven't ordered a dinner must be sent with a packed lunch
 - Author Visit
 - Wow Work Worship—3pm



Friday 22nd December

- Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties and Santa Visit

Dinners for Week Commencing 18th December

This week is: Week 3

	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

For Action

Christmas Parties—22nd December

Class 1 will be having their own party on Friday afternoon; Classes 2 & 3 will be having a joint disco party. We would appreciate it if each child could bring an item of party food to share with their class. Suggestions are crisps, mini sausage rolls, squash, biscuits, cup cakes, cheesy biscuits/nibbles, chocolate teacakes, paper plates/paper cups. All children can come in wearing party clothes and their Christmas jumper.



Christmas Lunch—Date Change

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Christmas Dinner day will move from Wednesday 20th to Thursday 21st. Children will order a lunch as normal on Wednesday with the hot option being chicken, broccoli and sweetcorn pasta bake.

Sandwiches and jacket potatoes will also be available as normal. Children who have pre-ordered a Christmas dinner will now receive this on Thursday - **all other children will need to be sent with a packed lunch on this day as there will be no other options available.** Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Reverse Advent Calendar



Our reverse advent calendar started on Friday 1st December.



We will be collecting donations until Tuesday 19th ready for packing up & delivering to Tamworth food bank on Wednesday 20th. Please drop any donations to the office with Mrs Jacks. Names will go on our reverse advent calendar board in reception & children will receive a highly coveted Koinonia dojo for each donation!

More information on Tamworth food bank & the Trussell Trust can be found at <https://Tamworth.foodbank.org.uk/>

Items that are especially needed in are: Tinned fruit, toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shower gel), small bottles of squash, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned meat, small jars of coffee, gluten free food, 10/12 month + baby food. Items the food bank currently have plenty of are: beans, tomatoes, tea bags, size 2 and 4 nappies, baby formula.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support at this time of year.



New Reception Intake 2024

Reception Applications opened on 1st November 2023 and will close on 15th January 2024. To apply, go to: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

For Information

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be open until Thursday 21st December if your child would like to send cards to their friends. One will be located in the hall and one by the Christmas tree in reception.



PE Days *Change for this half term*

PE Days for this half term will be Mondays and Fridays.

Spark Winter Reading Fun with the Free Online Winter Mini Challenge!

This is a **free** online Winter Mini Challenge! The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust this year, to encourage children to unleash the power of play, sport, and physical activity through reading. This bite-sized challenge is perfect for keeping young minds active during the holidays. The Winter Mini Challenge is online where children can unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities. All children are eligible, so please to join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1st of December.



Uniform Shop

Items of preloved uniform will be available during the Wow Work Worship assembly on Thursday 21st December and after school. We would welcome a small donation for these—alternatively you can bring items to swap.



Author Visit—Thursday 21st December

We are very lucky to be welcoming author Daniel Thompson courtesy of SASA who will be spending time with each class telling the story of The Christmas Tale of Elaine Gale. Please see pre-order link below if you would like to purchase any books in advance of his visit <https://www.danielthompsonauthor.com/event-details/st-andrews-c-of-e-primary-school> I have it on good authority from Santa himself that if you do want to have a book, you may want to look at other story options! 😊

New Reception Intake 2024

If your child attends a local nursery, please could you pick up some leaflets from our school office and ask your nursery if they could distribute them to potential new starters for our reception class 2024!

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](#)

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MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY
AT GLASCOTE
CHILDREN'S CENTRE
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

 Staffordshire
County Council

FREE for parents and carers
- please email your name,
child's name and date of birth
together with your contact
number, address and which
course and day you are
interested in

For professionals - please
complete the groupwork
referral form and send to the
above email



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FAMILY GROUPWORK COURSES



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10 week, FREE courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

**STARTING MONDAY 8TH
JANUARY 2024**

**GLASCOTE CHILDREN'S
CENTRE**

**SIMPLY PLAY
1PM - 3PM**



**A FACE TO FACE COURSE
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
AGED 0-4 YEARS**

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL
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Attendance



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minifec>.

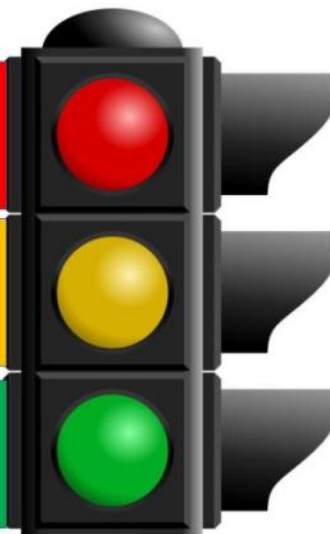
Why is it important?

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!



*****Leave during School Term*****

From Monday 4th December, any requests that are received for leave during term time and are not deemed exceptional circumstances will automatically be referred to Staffordshire County Council for consideration of a penalty notice being issued. This will apply to all children that are of compulsory school age and is in line with our Attendance Policy which supports our aim to improve overall school attendance. If you would like any further information, please contact the office.

Attendance figures for this week

Class One—97.02%

Class Two—98.46%

Class Three—95.51%

More information can be found online at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parent Invites

Wow Work Nominations

This half term's Wow Work Worship will take place on Thursday 21st December at 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

- Robyn Marsh
- Tymon Nowak
- Albert Moore
- Hope Kilgallon
- Louisa Magrath



The following children will receive Headteacher's awards for good behaviour

- Leo Chipman
- Isabel Gray
- Olivia Williamson



The following children will receive Dojo awards

Bronze—Ted Allen, Rosie Brotherton, Billy Edge, Isabel Gray, Holly Ingram, Alexandra Magrath, Louisa Magrath, Robyn Marsh, Emma Murray, Kaj Nowak, Hugo Williams

Silver—Josh Lee

Whole School Nativity

On Wednesday 20th December, the whole school will be performing their Nativity in Church at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to attend. Letters regarding lines etc will be sent home shortly. The children are really looking forward to performing and can't wait for you to see it!



Singing Christmas Carols at Haunton Hall

We would like to invite parents/carers and children to join Miss Mills in singing Christmas Carols with the Church at Haunton Hall on Wednesday 20th December. If you would like to attend please let the office know so that we are aware of who to expect. Please meet at 5.50pm for a 6pm start. We hope to see you there!



Community Events

Clifton Campville Village Hall, Coneyberry Millennium Green Trust
& St Andrew's Church

CAROL SINGING

ALL WELCOME & SONG SHEETS PROVIDED

So get your Christmas Jumpers & Earrings out & get singing!

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

(Bring a torch if you have one)

Meeting point:

5:00pm around the Christmas Tree in St Andrew's Churchyard.

5:30pm finish start of 'Christmas Cracker' concert.

Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine & mince pies await to warm you up! (Squash for kids)!



Community Events

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL ART & CRAFT CLUB WORKSHOP DATES - 2024



- January 19** – Various Bead Making Methods
- February 16** – Zentangle & Fine Line Doodling
- March 15** – Newspaper Art Sculptures
- April 19** – Experimenting with Pastels
- May 17** – Circular Weaving
- June 21** – Abstract Mixed Media on Canvas

To book your place – please call Kate Smith on 01827 373368 or
c.smith284@btinternet.com

Please Note – places for these workshops go very quickly – so please book early
as it's on a "first come first served" basis!



CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY EVENTS DIARY

DAY:	Event:
Every Monday – Main Hall 9.00am - 12pm (NB: 1st Monday of every month is Bacon Roll Day!)	Community Coffee Shop - The aroma of Bacon Rolls wafting through the village is mouth-watering the first Monday of every month! Together with a wide variety of coffees & other drinks, a selection of delicious cakes, crumpets & teacakes, it is proving very popular indeed. Would you like to join us and become part of this vibrant fun-loving Community? If so, then please think about becoming a member of the Committee, or put your name on the "Friend of the Hall" volunteer rota! If you would like to volunteer – please email Pat Moore on: amooore49@btinternet.com OR send an email with a heading 'Hall Helpers' to: covhal12018@gmail.com
Every Monday evening – Main Hall 6:45pm – 7:45pm (£5 per class)	Hatha Yoga with Keely. Beginners always Welcome! Come along & enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and camaraderie in our newly refurbished warm Village Hall. You will have fun & feel better too! To book your place email: keelylawrence@hotmail.com
Every Tuesday morning – Main Hall 9:30am – 10:30am (£5 per class)	Hatha Yoga with Keely. Beginners always Welcome! Come along & enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and camaraderie in our newly refurbished warm Village Hall. You will have fun & feel better too! To book your place email: keelylawrence@hotmail.com
Every Wednesday – Main Hall 10:30am to 12:00 noon (£4.50 per week - paid monthly)	'Love to Move' Chair Exercise - Drinks & biscuits provided. Come along if you still haven't had a chance to check out this fun-filled class. Alone, or as a group of friends, or neighbours, or if you know someone who would benefit from this class, let them know. Please contact Pat Green on 01827 373357 or via Email: patandcliffgreen@gmail.com to book your chair!
Every Wednesday - Main Hall (4:30pm to 5:30pm prompt!) (£6 per session)	Kids Karate - Train with Jim Healey a fully insured / 'Dan Black Belt' Instructor. Primary School age only (4 yrs up). For more information & to book your place contact: Judy or Sensei Jim Healey: Mobile 07721 397655 Email: james.healey73@hotmail.co.uk .
Every Friday – Main Hall 1:30pm - 3:30pm (£3 weekly session - £5 for Workshops, including Tea or Coffee)	Art & Craft social Group - with special monthly workshops. All materials provided for workshops. See poster for details of weekly group in the magazine, or on the Village Hall Notice Board outside the hall, or alternatively contact: Kate Smith on 01827 373368 or Email: c.smith284@btinternet.com .
Every other month (approx.) – Main Hall 7.00pm – 9:30pm (usually on the second Tuesday of the month).	Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Meetings. If you need more information, or would like to attend, then please contact Sue Hughes via the Parish Council Email: ccparishcouncil@gmail.com OR go to the Website: www.cliftoncampvillewiththorpeconstantinepc.info
The Green Man Car Park 10:05am – 10:35am Check Mease Valley News Magazine for dates	MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE – Pick up a 'Thriller' – if you dare – to keep you company on these dark nights! Or while away the hours with a Romantic novel – love conquers all – or why not pick up a book to improve your mind for that family quiz!
NOTE - for monthly news & events in all the Mease Valley villages parish magazine. Contact measevalleymag@outlook.com to subscribe £10 per year to receive the parish magazine, delivered right to your door!	

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Thursday - Archery
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ARCHERY 3.30-4.30

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