



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,

Despite the many germs and illnesses going around, thank you for supporting us with good attendance whenever possible. Each day is important in your child's learning journey and helps them keep up and feel more confident in school.

This week we celebrated St Andrew's Day in church at Clifton Campville. Class 3 demonstrated their skills of public speaking and articulated and acted beautifully to a full church. A huge thank you to Mrs Wardale for putting the service together along with props and costumes and to Sarah for playing the musical accompaniment.

Class 1 at both schools demonstrated their knowledge of the Great Fire of London and consolidated their understanding of the key events this week. The children particularly enjoyed making the mock houses and having them set on fire under the safe guidance of Rachel from Accelerated Learning Services.

Next Thursday Mrs Gethin and Ralph will be visiting both schools so that the children and staff get to know them. I expect Ralph will have a lot of attention and will be a big hit. We look forward to forging a strong relationship with the MAT whilst retaining a strong sense of our own identity as the Mease family.

As we draw closer to the hectic Christmas period, please make sure you take note of key events happening in your schools and keep a check on Dojo for any updates.

Being outdoors is good for the children's wellbeing, therefore, we aim for the children to be out as much as possible so please bring in coats, hats, gloves and wellies/boots. A spare pair of socks is always a good idea to save those cold wet feet.

As we approach the first Sunday in Advent and enjoy opening our Advent Calendars today, we are reminded of Hope - Isaiah 9:2-6

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

Best wishes, Miss Mills

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 4th December

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



Tuesday 5th December

- > Class 2 Parents Evening—2.00pm—5.00pm



Wednesday 6th December

- > Art Club—3.30pm-4.30pm
- > SH Active—After school club—Archery—3.30pm-4.30pm



Thursday 7th December

- > Visit from Mrs Gethin and Ralph
- > Deadline for Christmas Jumper drop-off—see Info section



Friday 8th December

- > Rock Up and Read—8.45am—9.15am
- > SH Active Wellbeing Session—PE Kits required
- > Deadline for Christmas Dinner orders

Dinners for Week Commencing 4th December

This week is: Week 1

	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



Kindness Kits—Donations



In the lead up to Christmas, we want to show our love for the elderly people in our village community. Spiritual Council will be working together to build 'Kindness Kits' which they will deliver themselves to the elderly people in our village to let them know that we are thinking of them and sending our love during the festive period. **We would welcome any donations for the kits by Friday 15th December to enable Spiritual Council to assemble the kits and deliver them before the end of half term. Thank you.**



Bikeability

Letters regarding Bikeability Level 2 for January 2024 have been sent home with Year 5 and 6. Please return your slips to the school office no later than Monday 11th December. Thank you.



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



Reverse Advent Calendar



We recognise that Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many people and we want to help! This year, we will be supporting our local food bank in Tamworth by creating a whole-school reverse advent calendar. From December, we will have a large grid in school counting down to Christmas. If you would like to support them, please send a donation in with your child on any given day and they will then add their donation to our Santa sack and write their name on the grid for that day. At the end of half term, we will take our donations to Tamworth foodbank. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support!



Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day will be on Wednesday 20th December. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner, please complete the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/JM4vq1LyzK> by Friday 8th December. If a form is not returned, it will be assumed your child will be bringing a packed lunch. Thank you.



For Information

*****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.

PE Days *Change for this half term*

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

Wellbeing Sessions

Friday 8th December
Friday 15th December

Please send children in wearing PE kits on these dates.

Thank you



Rock Up and Read

The next session will be on Friday 8th December 8.45—9.15am. SASA will be providing refreshments as always—we look forward to seeing you then.



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

At our next Rock Up and Read on 8th December there will be a Christmas jumper swap shop!

Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers of any size are welcome donations - drop them into the office before the 8th & all will be available at Rock Up and Read to go to a new home!



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](#)

For Information

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**STARTING
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



TAMWORTH DISTRICT

FAMILY GROUPWORK COURSES



FREE TO BOOK ON
TERM TIME ONLY



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
GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

 Staffordshire
County Council

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>.

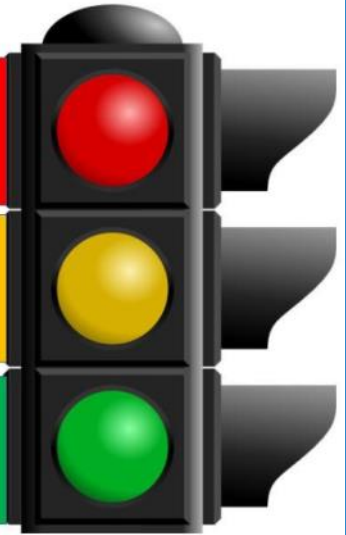
Why is it important?

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!



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.

Attendance figures for this week

Class One—91.67%

Class Two—94.62%

Class Three—96.67%

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

Parent Invites

Christingle

Christingle will take place in Church on Monday 11th December at 6pm. All are welcome—we would appreciate any donations of Mince Pies by Friday 8th December; mulled wine and squash will be provided. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the office. Thank you.



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!



Class 2 Parents Evening

If you would still like an appointment to see Mrs Bates on Tuesday 5th December, please let the office know asap. Thank you.

Vacancies

The Mease Federation

Mary Howard Primary School—Edingale

Temporary Cleaning Role

A temporary vacancy for 3+ months has arisen for a school cleaner at Mary Howard Primary School 12 hours per week term time only.

This will include opening school each morning.

The hourly rate is £10.42 paid monthly. A DBS will be required, the cost of which will be covered by the company.

Please note "The Mease Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment".

If you would like more information or an application form please contact Debbie Ford on 07407811083.

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)!



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St Andrews Primary school

Monday - Laser Tag
Thursday - Archery
Starting 6/9 Nov

£37

ARCHERY 3.30-4.30

LASER TAG

Using infra red laser technology, our laser tag clubs provide fun in a safe and busy environment. Our action packed games will challenge children tactically as well as physically, and with our ready to go easy use equipment the children will have endless fun. Be it outside in the school woods or inside in the school hall with all the lights off!

ARCHERY

Our Archery clubs are as close to the real thing as it comes, they provide an opportunity for children to experience the sport in a safe and fun environment. How good is your child's aim? Children will take part in this exciting sport while also learning the important fundamental skills it takes, including safety, technique and how to get closer to the bullseye every time. The activities will enable the children to use Archery as a vehicle for learning maths through their scoring, literacy through language and citizenship through cooperation and self discipline. The activities provide an alternative and complimentary way of developing skills such as coordination, balance and strength as well as personal, social and mental skills all while having so much FUN playing Archery!

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

<https://sh-active-sports.classforkids.io>



(Open camera on smartphone and scan QR code above)

For any queries please contact 07709488681 or
info@shactivesports.co.uk

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