Koinonia-Wisdom-Love-Perseverance

he Mease Federation

AUTUMN TERM

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.

22nd September 2023

Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13:31-32









How quickly the weeks are flying by! This week we continue with our learning journeys and already I can see our children growing and flourishing both academically and in their characters. I have seen some wonderful learning in all classes, where children are demonstrating our values of Wisdom, Love and Perseverance. I am lucky enough to see our overarching value of Koinonia, a community that involves deep, close-knit participation, each and every day. You may have noticed that we have revamped our motto, vision and values over the summer. We felt that it was a good time to align them to where our Federation is now and where we are going. The Federation community are embracing these changes and it is becoming part of our day to day language in school. Watch this space for the launch assemblies, led by the children, later on in the term.

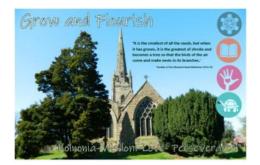
At St. Andrew's, we are awaiting the delivery of our very own reading hub. We cannot wait to enhance our love of reading with this new hub.

Next week, is jam-packed with our European day of languages, where we will immerse ourselves in the French culture and language and we will also support a worthwhile charity by having our own Macmillan coffee mornings.

I do feel blessed to be Executive Head of these two wonderful school communities.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Rachel Mills - Executive Headteacher



Literacy Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who can offer a little bit of their time each week to help our children improve their reading skills. If you would like to work with our children, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office for further information. Thank you.



Rock Up and Read

Parents/carers/grandparents are welcome to come into school to read with their child/ren. The next session will be on Friday 6th October 8.45—9.15am. SASA will be providing refreshments as always—we look forward to seeing you then.



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

If anyone has a School Council badge at home, I would be very grateful if these could be returned for our new members. Thank you.

French Day Wednesday 27th September

To celebrate the European Day of
Languages next week we are holding a French day on
Wednesday 27th September. All children can come
dressed in red, white and blue. Children will be immersed
in French language and culture and the teachers have
lots of exciting activities planned. Parents are invited
into school at 3.00pm to share their child's day with
them. We are asking for a £2 donation per child to help
us with this exciting event. You can hand this into the
office at school before or on the day. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September, we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in school for parents and carers. This will take place between 9—10am in the hall. This will be led by children in Class 3 and we are hoping as many people as possible can attend. We are asking for cake donations—please bring them to the school office on Thursday 28th September or on the day. Children will

have the opportunity to purchase a cake for 50p at break time. We look forward to seeing you there and as always, your support is very much appreciated.



QEMS

Rawlett Open Evenings



On 28th September 4pm—7pm, there will be a whole school open evening where SEND will also be available.

In addition, to the above day, Rawlett can organise tours during the school day so students and parents can get a feel for the school and environment.

If you would like to get in touch, please contact Mrs Holt via office@rawlettschool.org

QEMS Open Days/Evening

Open Days are 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th
October. Tours start at 9.10am, 2.10pm &
4.00pm—please book by emailing the admin team at
adminteam@lfatsf.org.uk or by calling 01827 301280.

The Year 6 Open Evening is Wednesday 20th September 6pm—8pm. Principal presentations start at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm. No booking is required.

Thank you to those parents/carers who are abiding by our no dogs on school premises rule.

Just a polite reminder that no dogs are allowed past the first set of school gates at any time. Thank you.



Parent Forum

Calling all parents!

We are excited to inform you that we are setting up a parent forum. This forum is a place to raise developmental considerations and questions, feedback the parental voice at the time which can, in turn be discussed and actions where appropriate by our school leaders' hand in hand with you.

Being part of a parent forum helps you to support your child/ren through discussions about parents' perspectives on current policy and practice and your input into decision making and planning for future provision. This platform enables school leaders to gather, record and wherever possible action your views to improve the schools in our Federation. We are looking for a minimum of one parent Rep per class, who will meet with Miss Mills each half term. The aim is to make sure that communication and relationships are strong between the schools and the families and to make the schools are the very best they can be for the children and their families.

For more information, please see the letter coming out today.



Going forward, if anyone owes over £50 for School Meals, this service will be stopped until the balance is cleared. Weekly texts will be sent on a Friday if there is any debt on the account. We appreciate the increased cost of living is making finances difficult but with how small our schools are, we simply cannot cover the debts that have accumulated.

If you are finding things difficult, please reach out to us and come and see Miss Mills to come up with a plan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Special People

The Special People for week commencing 25.09.23 will be:

Class 1—Arthur Powell

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Class 2—Leo Chipman

Class 3—Holly Ingram

Flu Vaccinations

Letters regarding upcoming flu vaccinations have been sent home today. 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.

Dinners for Week Commencing 25th September

This week is: Week 1



WEEK TWO

Vegetable Lasagne (V) or
Lentil & Mushroom Keema Curry with Rice (Ve)
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling
Rainbow Veg
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Chicken Paella (Wg)

or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling

Sweetcorn, Green Beans

Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <u>or</u> Homemade Veggie & Stuffing Roll with Roasties & Gravy (Ve)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Carrot Batons Orange Jelly & Mandarins (Ve)

Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)

or Penne with Classic Tomato Sauce (Ve)(Wg)
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling
Cabbage, Garden Peas
Banana Custard (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Vegeball Marinara Sub with Chips (V) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

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

WEEK THREE

Pizza Mac & Cheese (V) or
Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve)
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling
Rainbow Veg
Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)

Chicken Tandoori with Golden Rice (Wg)

or Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling

Sweetcorn, Green Beans

Peach & Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Cabbage, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Pineapple (Ve)

Chicken, Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)

or Penne with Beany Bolognese (Ve)(Wg)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling

Swede, Shredded Carrots

Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas

Iced Shortbread (Ve)

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

- Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily



Our attendance target this year is 97%. Please help us achieve this by minimising unnecessary absences. Thank you.

Please be reminded that the gates open at 8:45 and Daily Worship starts at 9am prompt.

As we start a new school year, we have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide you with some information regarding illness and school attendance.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have made some parents/carers worried about whether their child is well enough to be in school, so the NHS has laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week

Class One-99.4%

Class Two-84.62%

Class Three—92.22%



Before/After School Clubs

KS2 Choir Practice—Expression of Interest

St. Andrews have the opportunity to take part in a performance at Rugeley Rose Theatre in May 2024.

As a result, we are looking for KS2 students with an interest in music and singing to join weekly choir rehearsals after school each Wednesday.

For more information and to request a place for your child, please see the attached form at https://forms.office.com/e/

French Club—Expression of Interest

We are looking into the possibility of running a French Club on a Tuesday after school 3:30pm-4:30pm with Madame Stevens (French specialist) at St Andrews. This would be for year 2-6 and would cost £3-£4 depending on uptake.

Please could you let us know if you would sign up to this club, so we can see if it's viable.

https://forms.office.com/e/peDra4CzvZ



Breakfast Club—Expression of Interest

We are looking at the possibility of running a Breakfast Club each weekday morning from 7.45am - 8.45am. A Breakfast Club is a great way to ensure our children are prepared for the day ahead and to support busy family life.

The club will be for all children from Reception—Year 6 and will

cost £5 per day to cover food and staffing costs. In order to assess possible numbers and interest, we would appreciate it if you could fill in the form at https://forms.office.com/e/GpCUmEfT2m.

Thank you.



Federation Football Club

We are pleased that we will be offering a free Federation Football Club for Years 4,5 & 6 on a Thursday afterschool 3:30pm-4:30pm. Mr Finn (Class 3 teacher from St Andrew's), will be running this afterschool club with the idea that we will be competing against other schools, within the MAT and re-establishing links with other small schools.

We aim for the club to take place, alternating between St Andrew's and Mary Howard. Sue Keeley (Mary Howard) is happy to help with transport. However, we may need further transport support. I am sure that between us we could make this happen.



Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaire in Summer 2. Your feedback is invaluable. Although we received overwhelmingly positive feedback in so many areas, there were a few areas that we have been working on, I would like to share with you what we have done about the key areas of development. There has been lots going on behind the scenes and hopefully the launch of the new Parent Forum will ensure that the link between home and school is strengthened.

You said, you were unsure about the behaviour policy and how it is dealt with—we have rewritten the Behaviour and Caring policy. Our behaviour system links to our vision and there is a focus on using restorative practice in school. Staff are being trained on using this approach. We also have a clear behaviour management system and all concerns are dealt with and recorded to build a larger picture. Parents are kept informed of these incidents and the sanctions that have happened. The new policy will be shared after the Governor's meeting on the 28th September.

You said, **that you didn't know who the governors were**—I am taking this to governors on the 28th September and we will look into communication so that parents know who they are.

You suggested, you would like more opportunities for the children from the two schools to work together—watch this space for clubs and experiences across the Federation and the MAT this year.

You said, **you would like more opportunities for the children to have circle time—**our PSHE, well being and worship curriculum enable the children to discuss issues and be open about their feelings. This is not limited to a circle time situation but is the golden thread throughout our school ethos and culture.

You said, improve accident reporting—we are using Class Dojo as our main communication tool, in school we also record accidents on our new online system. Parents are informed in various ways depending on the severity of the incident. The ways of communication include: via Dojo, telephone, in person and in the case of Head bumps/stings via a letter too!

You suggested, **Healthier options at Care Club**—There is a new menu on the website and there are healthy breakfasts that include fruit and yoghurt.

I will update you on some other suggestions as we action them.

Please note that many of these suggestions were made by a small number of parents who responded to the questionnaire (less than 20 across the Federation and the suggestions/comments were made by individuals). However, every suggestion counts and we endeavour to be the best we can be.

Please keep talking to us as we value your opinion. Please do not wait for questionnaires but come and see us and once Parent Forum is set up, you can discuss it there.



Together we are stronger, and we want our schools to be *simply the best!*

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 27th September—French Day

Friday 29th September—MacMillan Morning

Friday 6th October—Rock Up and Read

Monday 9th October—World Mental Health week (details to follow)

Tuesday 10th October—World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10th October—Harvest Festival

Tuesday 10th October—PE Enrichment Day

Monday 23rd October—Thank you Vicar week

Friday 27th October—WOW Worship

Friday 27th October—Half Term

Monday 6th November — Children back in school

Thursday 9th November—Flu Vaccinations

December—Christmas Trip—Details to follow



Keeping you child safe on 'Snapchat'

Is Snapchat safe for my child?

Safety features and tools to help keep your child safe on Snapchat

www.nspcc.org.uk



This Week's Dojo Scores

Water-76

Fire-40

Air-63

Earth-33

Well done Water!



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.

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



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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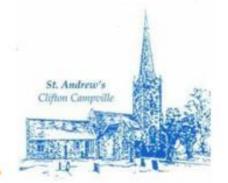


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CLIFTON CAMPVILLE - B79 0AR



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 7:30pm

HARVEST CONCERT

'DIAMOND HARMONY'

'A fun show from this women's a cappella choir singing in close harmony'

Tickets - Adults £ 8 Children £4

Bookings - 07929 1638329 / 01827 898108 Email- sarahjanewilliams73@gmail.com / sj_ennis@hotmail.com info@diamondharmony.org.uk



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...

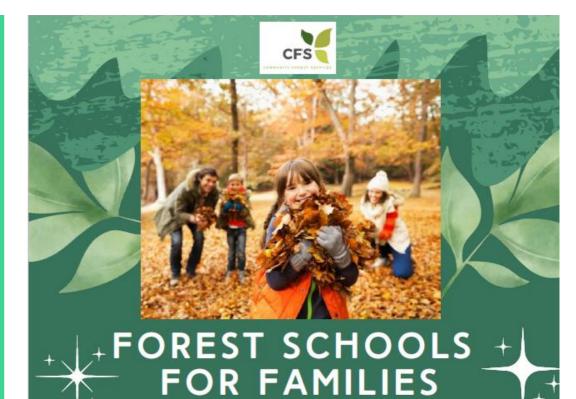
- Small class sizes
- A nurturing environment with deep rooted Christian vision and strong core values
- Specialist and highly skilled staff
- A strong curriculum that promotes and develops the whole child.

Spaces Available

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

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Website: https://www.themeasefederation.co.uk/



Free, 8 week, online course starting Friday 6th October. For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, forest school activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. To reserve your place or for more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, the arts, and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience. Families are also introduced to activities and resources to support mental health and wellbeing. Your family will also be invited to an exclusive Family Autumn Event - details TBC.

This course is free for families in Staffordshire.

