

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

24th November 2023



Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

As this is the exciting but hectic Christmas period, we must approach this season with love, compassion and tolerance. There are lots of exciting events happening, and a lot to remember so please do not worry if things are missed. We will be using the weekly newsletter, which now has a 'What's coming up this week' section and we will use Class Dojo for reminders and last minute changes. The main class story goes to all parents across the Federation so we will add information to individual class pages to try and help with communication. The announcements (messages to parents via Dojo message) does not seem to be a good route so we will minimise this to individual messages to parents.

This week, we have received the first outdoor Reading throne and set of seats from 'Men in Shed's', which is the start of our outdoor learning provision. Thank you to Steve from Edingale village for collecting it for us. It is greatly appreciated. We just need to varnish them ready to go in our outdoor area.

Next week, we celebrate St Andrew's Day (30th November). The children in Class 3 at St. Andrew's have been busy preparing their assembly for church on Thursday and Class 1 will have an enrichment day focusing on the Great Fire of London.

I would like to add a note of thanks to both the Friends of Mary Howard and SASA for their work so far in helping to enrich the lives of our children. We have Breakfast with Santa this weekend in Edingale and we have an author coming into school in December for St Andrew's. This could not be achieved without the dedication and support of our families. Thank you.

Best wishes

Miss Mills

1 John 4, v7 12, 16 My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have given new life. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts. God is love.

What's Coming Up This Week

Monday 27th November

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



Tuesday 28th November

- > Class 1 Great Fire of London Theme Day —PE Kits required



Wednesday 29th November

- > Snowdome Trip cut off date
- > Art Club—3.30pm-4.30pm
- > SH Active—After school club—Archery—3.30pm-4.30pm



Thursday 30th November

- > St Andrew's Day Service in Church—9.15am
(Parents/carers welcome)



Friday 1st December

- > SH Active Wellbeing Session—PE Kits required
- > Start of the Reverse Advent Calendar

Dinners for Week Commencing 27th November

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

Snowdome Winter Wonderland Trip

We have arranged for children from both Mary Howard and St Andrew's to go on a school trip to the Snowdome on Wednesday 13th December.

The cost of the coaches have been kindly paid for by FOMH and SASA so the trip will only cost £14.90 per child. Please complete the consent form at <https://forms.office.com/e/9msDH90dmm> by Wednesday 29th November and make the payment via ParentPay by the same date. 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

Wellbeing Sessions

Friday 1st December
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.



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](#)

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.



Teachers2Parents

From Friday 25th November we will no longer be using Teachers2Parents. All future communication will be via Class Dojo or email. If you need to update your details or have problems accessing Class Dojo please let the school office know. Thank you.

PE Days *Change for this half term*

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

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

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



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

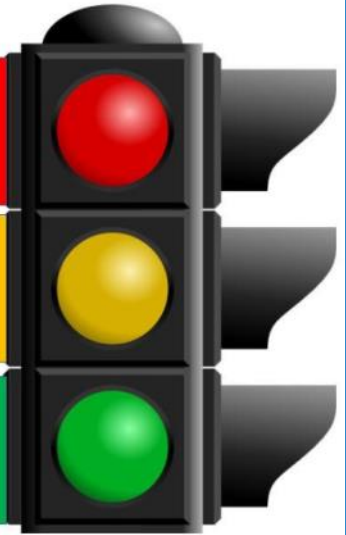
Why is it important?

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—97.78%

Class Two—96.15%

Class Three—98.33%

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

Parent Invites

St. Andrew's Day—30th November

We will be celebrating St Andrew's Day with a school service in Church on Thursday 30th November at 9.15am. This will include artwork from the children and a presentation on who St Andrew was. Parents are welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see you there. There will also be a café service in Church prior to this on Sunday 26th November.



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!



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.



MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH at
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CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER

IN CHURCH
11am - 4pm



STALLS AND GIFTS

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS
(NO CHARGE)

CAFE OPEN ALL DAY

MAKE YOUR XMAS WREATH

(ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED) £25 ~ 2 - 4pm
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St Andrew's Church Clifton Campville

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St Andrews Primary school

Monday - Laser Tag
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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!

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.

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