



# 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*

SPRING TERM  
26th January 2024



## Message from Miss Mills

Dear Families,

As we near the end of week three of the spring term, Christmas seems a distant memory. However, both schools have been a hive of activity as the children are fully immersed in their learning.

At St. Andrew's, Class 2 and 3 had a special visitor this week. Thank you, Mrs McGrath, for engaging the children and sharing your knowledge as a Radiographer.

The children thoroughly enjoyed your visit.

At our Federation, we believe that learning to read and enjoying reading is an essential skill for life. We are lucky to have our parent volunteers, Mrs Keeley (Mary Howard) and Mrs Walker (St Andrew's), who come in each week to listen to our children read. We thank them for their time. If you would like to offer an afternoon to hear our children read, then please contact the offices for a volunteer pack, including application form and information about obtaining a DBS for our schools.

Daily reading practice of 5 or 10 mins a day makes such a difference to your child, so please make time each night to listen to your child read. Little and often is key!

In terms of academisation, we have a few issues, mainly with land, which is frustratingly pushing the academisation date back. We are now hopeful for March 2024. However, we continue to work closely with the MAT. Mrs Coles (MAT Finance) is doing a fabulous job at seeking better value for money in terms of catering, Wi-Fi etc to name but a few. Being within a MAT allows for better economies of scale, which is brilliant with tight budgets, especially in small schools.

This week, we have had a Curriculum Review by our Chair of Governors, Steve Webb. We are proud of our curriculum and the impact that it is having on the teaching and learning across our schools. The children are 'learning more' and 'remembering more'. It is obvious that they are also enjoying their learning too!

Next week, we have our Health and Safety review by ELITE Health and Safety. ELITE completed an initial audit in November and helped us to update our risk assessments and make sure that our Health and safety is rigorous. We also have the support of Staffordshire Health and Safety, but we have brought in this further support from Elite, who come and audit each term, to ensure we are constantly reviewing our practices. It's like a mini Ofsted for Health and Safety and drives improvement.

I'd like to give you a 'Head's up' about the upcoming Easter Celebration day on Thursday 21st March which will see the whole Federation attend St Andrew's school for an experience day. We will be taking part in a range of activities at St Andrew's church. Again, children will be in their house point team's colours and work together with their team throughout the day. Parents are welcome to join us at St Andrew's church at the end of the day (3pm) to see what the children have learnt—all welcome. More details will follow nearer the time.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Mills

*The nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as his possession, is truly happy! Psalm 33*

# What's Coming Up This Week

## Monday 29th January

- PE All Classes—send children in PE kits
- SH Active—After School club—Scooter Skills—3.30pm-4.30pm



## Wednesday 31st January

- PE Class 1 & Class 2—send children in PE kits
- Art Club—3.30pm-4.30pm



## Thursday 1st February

- PE Class 3—send children in PE kits



## Friday 2nd February

- Rock Up and Read
- Deadline for Swimming Gala replies

# For Action

## Valentine's Party



SASA have organised a Valentine's Party for Thursday 8th February 3.30pm—4.30pm. Pupils can come into school on the day in Valentine's themed clothes (reds and pinks) or other appropriate non-uniform. There will be a tuck shop selling Valentine's Day themed cupcakes, biscuits etc and refreshments so please could children bring some spending money with them. Tattoos/glitter tattoos may also be available. Children will be supervised by staff members and SASA members so parents can collect children at 4.30pm.



## Changeable Weather—Clothing and Footwear

As temperatures and weather conditions continue to fluctuate, please continue to send children into school dressed warmly (hats, scarves, gloves etc.) Also, please be mindful of footwear suitability as we have experienced some wet and cold feet recently. Thank you.



# For Action

## Forest School Donations

We are starting to move forward with our Forest School designs and need your help!

The team at Wild Minds have given us lots of fantastic ideas and some of them we can do ourselves which will save money.

If you have any unwanted cable reels or pallets in good condition, please bring them in to school for us to upcycle!

Thank you!



## Help wanted!

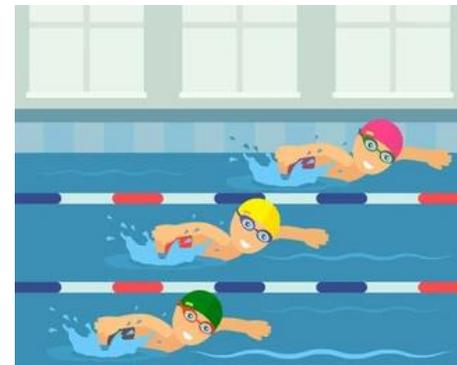
We are looking for volunteers to help varnish our new Reading Throne and Stools for our outdoor area. If you could spare any time to help us do this, please contact the office. Many thanks.

## Swimming Gala—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The Mease Federation has been invited to take part in a Swimming Gala which will take place at the Snowdome in Tamworth (B79 7ND) on Thursday 18th April 6pm - 8pm.

The heats for this event will take place on Thursday 22nd February at the Tamworth Enterprise College (B77 2NE) 3.30pm - 5.00pm. You will need to transport your own child to and from the event and will need to collect them from school at 2.30pm in order to get them there for the start time.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the form located at <https://forms.office.com/e/Bt8gwGPCYi> by **Friday 2nd February**. Thank you.



# For Information

## Children's Mental Health Week

Week commencing 5th February will be Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. We will be doing several activities around this throughout the week. Look out for photographs on the website at the end of the week. More information can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



## PE Days \*Change for Class 3\*

PE Days for this half term will be:

Class 1—Monday & Wednesday

Class 2—Monday and Wednesday

Class 3—Monday and Thursday

## 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](#)

## Thank You Notes

TAMWORTH FOODBANK  
HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS



# THANK YOU

For your support of Tamworth Foodbank this Winter  
2023/2024

Your generous donations will make a significant impact on  
the lives of those facing crisis in our local communities.



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## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping  
with our Appeal.

£ 59.16  
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to  
continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

*Edward Gould*  
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ .....

Registered Charity No. 219279

# Dinners for Week Commencing 29th January

This week is: Week 1

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	<p><b>Mac &amp; Cheese (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p><b>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>	<p><b>Pizza Mac &amp; Cheese (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream (V)</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<p><b>Mild &amp; Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn &amp; Peppers, Cauliflower</b> Apple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Pizza</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Apple &amp; Pear Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Peach &amp; Pineapple Crumble (Ve)(Wg) with Custard (V)</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Broccoli, Sliced Carrot</b> Strawberry Jelly &amp; Peaches (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cauliflower, Carrot Batons</b> Orange Jelly &amp; Mandarins (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Roast of the Day with Roasties &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cabbage, Sliced Carrot</b> Strawberry Jelly &amp; Pineapple (Ve)</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<p><b>Penne with Chicken Meatballs in Classic Tomato Sauce (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Green Beans, Swede</b> Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)</p>	<p><b>Penne with Beef Bolognese (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cabbage, Garden Peas</b> Banana Custard (V)</p>	<p><b>Chicken, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (Wg)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Swede, Shredded Carrots</b> Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Flapjack (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)</p>	<p><b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Iced Shortbread (Ve)</p>
	6/11/23, 27/11/23, 18/12/23, 8/1/24, 29/1/24, 19/2/24, 11/3/24	13/11/23, 4/12/23, 25/12/23, 15/1/24, 5/2/24, 26/2/24, 18/3/24	30/10/23, 20/11/23, 11/12/23, 1/1/24, 22/1/24, 12/2/24, 4/3/24, 25/3/24

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan Wg - Wholegrain

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

# Attendance

UK Health Security Agency 

## 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/minfec>.

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## Think measles!

**Vaccination rates have fallen, and cases of measles are increasing.**

Measles is highly infectious, the most infectious of all diseases transmitted through the respiratory route. Measles can be severe, particularly in immunosuppressed individuals and young infants. It is also more severe in pregnancy, and increases the risk of miscarriage, stillbirth, or preterm delivery:

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has said the risk of a measles epidemic across the UK is considered small - but there are now growing concerns over a rise in confirmed cases. For more information follow the link to

### National measles guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-measles-guidelines>

How to manage cases of suspected measles: what patient details to take, who to notify and assessing risk of disease spreading in close contacts.

More detailed information about Measles and school trips can be found [advice on measles and school trips](#).

Measles is a notifiable disease in England and Wales. You must inform local health protection Unit (HPU) of suspected cases.

**Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.**

### Watch out for MEASLES

#### Symptoms & Prevention

#### Symptoms

- High temperature
- Runny or blocked nose
- Cough and sneezing
- Red, watery eyes
- White spots inside the mouth
- Red rashes appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin
- Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline



#### Prevention

- Wash your hands frequently with an alcohol-based rub
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid sharing food, water, utensils and other items contaminated by saliva
- If you are infected, isolate at home for at least 4 days
- Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable to the infection
- Give infants the first dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine between 12 and 15 months

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

# Attendance

## 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—99.38%

Class Two—100%

Class Three—90.59%

Well done Class 2!

# Dojo Scores

## This Week's Dojo Scores

Water—43

Fire—49

Air—40

Earth—53

**Well done Earth!**

# Lost Property

We have some items that are missing a home—if you recognise any of them, please contact the office.



# Parent Invites

## Mother's Day Lunches—Save the Date

Lunches will take place at 12pm on the following dates.  
More information will be sent nearer the time.

Class 1—Wednesday 28th February

Class 2—Wednesday 6th March

Class 3—Wednesday 13th March

We hope to see you there!



# Special People

The Special People for week commencing 29.01.24 will be:

Class 1—Kai

Class 2—Edwin Kilgallon

Class 3—Abigail Prescott

# Dates to Note

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### February

Friday 2nd February—Rock Up and Read

w/c Monday 5th February—Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February—Valentine's Party—3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 9th February—Break up for half term

Monday 19th February—Children back at school

Wednesday 28th February—PE Enrichment Day

Thursday 29th February—Parents/Carers Evening 3pm-6pm



# 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](mailto: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: <a href="mailto:amooore49@btinternet.com">amooore49@btinternet.com</a> OR send an email with a heading 'Hall Helpers' to: <a href="mailto:covhal12018@gmail.com">covhal12018@gmail.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:keelylawrence@hotmail.com">keelylawrence@hotmail.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:keelylawrence@hotmail.com">keelylawrence@hotmail.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:patandcliffgreen@gmail.com">patandcliffgreen@gmail.com</a> 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: <a href="mailto:james.healey73@hotmail.co.uk">james.healey73@hotmail.co.uk</a> .
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: <a href="mailto:c.smith284@btinternet.com">c.smith284@btinternet.com</a> .
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: <a href="mailto:ccparishcouncil@gmail.com">ccparishcouncil@gmail.com</a> OR go to the Website: <a href="http://www.cliftoncampvillewiththorpeconstantinepc.info">www.cliftoncampvillewiththorpeconstantinepc.info</a>
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!
<b>NOTE</b> - for monthly news & events in all the Mease Valley villages parish magazine. Contact <a href="mailto:measevalleymag@outlook.com">measevalleymag@outlook.com</a> to subscribe £10 per year to receive the parish magazine, delivered right to your door!	

# VILLAGE LITTER PICK

## SATURDAY 9 MARCH

Help to keep our village clean and tidy!

**Get your wellies & gloves ready!**

Volunteer muster point at 2pm in Village Hall.

Health & Safety Tabards supplied, as well as plastic bags & some pickers.

(if you have your own picker - please bring)

Extra Hi Vis Tabards welcome.

Finish approximately 4pm for drinks & cake!

**All welcome**

(Adults, children & dogs!)



# SH Active Information



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THE FOLLOWING  
EXTRA CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES IN YOUR  
CHILD'S  
SCHOOL



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## SCOOTER SKILLS

At St Andrews Primary school

FOR TIMES DATES AND PRICES  
PLEASE  
SEE BOOKING SYSTEM

Monday

### SCOOTER SKILLS

Calling all pint-sized daredevils and scooter superstars! Strap on your helmets, buckle up your knee pads, and get ready to roll into a cool turbo-charged adventure! Embark on an epic journey where the playground transforms into a bustling place of endless possibilities. Our Scooter Skills Club is not just a club; it's a portal to a world where twists, turns, and tricks are the keys to unlocking a universe of fun! With obstacles, ramps and rails, we've got an array of challenges that will turn your ordinary scooting skills into extraordinary feats! But that's not all, incorporating road safety skills into the club, especially for our younger participants, there really is something for all ages and abilities. So, if you're ready to transform your scooting routine into a thrilling spectacle of skill and camaraderie, come roll with us at our scooter skills club! Because here, the only limit is your imagination, and the only rule is to have an absolute blast on two wheels!

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

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



**Scooters and safety equipment will be supplied but you are welcome to bring your own if you have them.**

(Open camera on smartphone and scan QR code above)

For any queries please contact 07709488681 or