

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

29th September 2023



Dear Families,

This week we have embraced the French culture and had a wonderfully immersive day. The older children were excellent role models, as on the day, the children were split into their house point teams. We hope that you enjoyed coming into school to share the learning that had taken place. I am appreciative of the support that I have from our families.

I would like to thank Mr Watson for coming to the rescue and sorting out the cupboards at Mary Howard, so that we could have the new carpet fitted in the corridor.

We are really excited about setting up our Mease Football Team, which starts Thursday. I would like to thank Mrs Keeley for her help sourcing our new kit, sponsored by Ikon Fostering. Our children will look smart when they compete against other schools.

We are starting to have potential new starters looking around our schools. Please let any of your friends or family know that I am available for a personal tour of the schools which I am extremely proud of.

This week we have had a MacMillan Coffee morning at each school. Again, thank you for your support in raising funds for this important charity that is close to many people's hearts.

We also have exciting news!. Miss Bolton's waters have broken this morning so we await the news of the safe arrival of baby Morley. We will keep you posted.

Our federation is working seamlessly together and we will inform you soon about a joint learning day, where we will explore our vision, values and motto. Watch this space!

Koinonia—building strong relationships within and across our federation because together we are stronger.

'Let us love one another, for Love comes from God' John 4:7

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes,

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](#)



Harvest Festival Tuesday 10th October



At The Mease Federation, we empower our children to be agents of change; we want to help those in need! Nobody in our community should have to face hunger and so this year, we will be collecting donations ahead of our Harvest Festival ready to donate to Tamworth Foodbank. Tamworth Foodbank are supported by The Trussell Trust and work hard to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Please could all donations be handed into the office by Monday 9th October 2023. A recent list of urgently needed food items along with items that the foodbank already has can be found below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Miss Warner

- URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS (W/C 18.09.2023)**
- TINNED FRUIT
 - TOILETRIES - SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/DEODORANT/SHOWER GEL
 - SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH
 - TINNED VEGETABLES - CARROTS/MUSHROOMS/SWEETCORN/PEAS/POTATOES
 - TINNED FISH
 - TINNED MEAT - STEW, CURRY, CHILLI
 - SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

- WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF**
- BEANS
 - TOMATOES
 - TEA BAGS
 - PLEASE NO BABY FORMULA

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and attended the MacMillan Coffee Morning. We had a great turnout and can't wait to let you know how much was raised next week! As always, your support is very much appreciated. Please see the link below for photos of the morning—

<https://the-mease-federation.secure-primariesite.net/gallery-1/>



ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week

Class One—96.11%

Class Two—97.69%

Class Three—85.56%

Census Day—5th October

On Thursday 5th October, it is School Census Day. We are asking as many people as possible to have a school dinner on this day. This will go towards future funding for the school. The menu for this day will be Chicken Meatballs with Pasta in a tomato sauce and Chocolate Brownie for pudding. Thank you for the continued support.

Photographs

Your child's photographs have been sent home this week. The deadline for orders is Monday 9th October. Please make sure all orders are handed into the office by 9am on this day, thank you!

Visitors Book

We now have a visitors book in our reception/entrance to school. Please add a comment whenever you are impressed by something in school or anytime you think your child has grown or flourished because of school.



Reception Phonics information session

On Monday 9th October at 3.30pm, there will be an information session for parents of Reception pupils to provide an overview of the Phonics scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. Children will be supervised separately whilst the session is underway. Further information about the scheme is available at <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

QEMS Open Days

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.



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.



Please can Parents be mindful of parking arrangements when collecting children from school. Parents should only be using the car park for drop off and collection if this has confirmed by prior agreement. We need to ensure the safety of all pedestrians whilst also being considerate to residents. 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 02.10.23 will be:

Class 1—Kaj Nowak

Class 2—Billy Edge

Class 3—Dylan Williams

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 2nd October

This week is: Week 2

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	<p>Mac & Cheese (V) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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 <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)</p>	<p>Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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) <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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

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 are starting the first one on Thursday 5th October. A Microsoft form has been sent out via Class Dojo. The schedule will be:

Thursday 5th October—St Andrew's
Thursday 12th October—Mary Howard
Thursday 19th October—St Andrew's
Thursday 26th October—Mary Howard



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

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

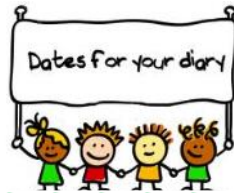
Friday 27th October—WOW Worship

Friday 27th October—Half Term

Monday 6th November— Children back in school

Thursday 9th November—Flu Vaccinations

December—Christmas Trip—Details to follow



This Week's Dojo Scores

Water—34

Fire—28

Air—23

Earth—26

Well done Water!

A colorful illustration of a family walking to school. A man in a yellow shirt and dark pants walks on the left, holding the hand of a young girl in a red and black striped dress. A woman in a blue top and dark pants walks on the right, holding the hand of a young boy in a red shirt and dark shorts. In the background, there is a school building and trees. The text "October is Walk INTO school MONTH" is written in large, stylized letters. Below it, the "air aware Staffordshire" logo is visible. A yellow speech bubble contains the text: "Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!". At the bottom, there is a URL: "Discover more at staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel". Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram are also present, along with the handle "@INTOschtravel". The Staffordshire County Council logo and contact information are in the bottom right corner.

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Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

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ZORBING
St Andrews Primary school

£37

Monday
Starting 11 Sep

ZORBING

3.30-4.30

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>





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GYMNASTICS
St Andrews Primary school

£37

Thursday
Starting 14 Sep

GYMNASTICS

3.30-4.30

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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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](tel:01827898108) Email- sarahjanewilliams73@gmail.com / sj_ennis@hotmail.com
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The Mease Federation 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.

Koinonia- Wisdom-Love- Perseverance



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/>



FOREST SCHOOLS FOR FAMILIES

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.

