



Sheerness West Federation West Minster Primary School Week Ahead 12th October 2020



Message from Mr Cooper ...

Thank you all so much for your support at this current time, especially from all the parents of **Primrose class**, we are looking forward to seeing these children all back in school on **Wednesday 14th October**.

We have had our first staff case today, and our thoughts are with them and their family, but this case does not directly affect any of the children. I had written this section already today, thinking we had not yet had a further confirmed case, sadly, it is more prevalent in the community now as we are all too aware from the news of the increase in daily cases nationally.

At West Minster, the bubble system, at this stage, seems to have worked well, and at this stage we have only had one child test positive out of over 500 children, whilst that is one too many, it does put the situation in context I hope.

Please rest assured, we will always put children and staff safety above everything else.

Thank you for supporting us by all wearing face coverings onto the school site and for keeping your distance from one another and from our staff. We are constantly revising our risk assessment to think of anything extra we can do to keep everyone as safe as we can. Please look after yourselves outside school too.

Message from Miss Brewer ...

I cannot believe that it is nearly half term. It certainly has been an unusual term with many challenges. But I would like to start by thanking all of the staff again for their extraordinary hard work and commitment, also the children and how they have settled into the school routine and how hard they are working. I also would like to thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Message for the children from Miss Ovenden ...

You all look fantastic in your yellow today, showing your support for YoungMinds and the start of Mental Health Week. Over the coming week, we will be learning how to look after ourselves and others and continuing with different wellbeing lessons.

This week in your learning time you have all be very busy. Ivy Centre, you have produced letters for Mr Cates, telling him about your achievements and making him proud. You have also practiced working as a team by putting a puzzle together. In the Early Years Unit, you have been sharing the story of The Rainbow Fish and talking about how it is kind to share. In Year 1 and Year 2, you have been practicing writing labels and using your phonic knowledge to spell your words. In Year 3 and Year 4, you have looked at Greek Gods and designed your own one. For Primrose Class, we hope you are all keeping well and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 14th October. In Year 5 and 6, you have worked hard at completing some hard maths work, look at using negative numbers. Remember to check on ClassDojo to see what you have been up to and to see if you have earned any Dojo points.

Now we have entered October, the weather has definitely changed. Please make sure you are bringing in a coat and wearing sensible shoes so you can enjoy going out at playtime and not feeling the cold.

Have a lovely weekend.

Well done to Bluebell and Poppy their attendance of 94% this week! (Friday – Thursday)

- **West Minster Primary School Website** <http://www.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/>

Our school website is a valuable source of information for parents, we are currently working to make it even more accessible and helpful.

- **West Minster Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/WestMinsterPrimarySchool/>

Our Facebook page is updated with any current information.

- **ClassDojo** <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=5e835485d302677528890d7e>

Follow this link to get signed up to your child's page. You can have more than one adult to the child. ClassDojo allows you to have contact with the class teacher.

- **Safe Internet Use**

Please click on the link for information from our website regarding online safety - <http://www.westminster.kent.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website, Facebook page and Class Dojo were:

- Parent Governor reminder letter (Published 02.10.20)
- KS1 building reopening (Published 02.10.20)
- Covid update (Published 03.10.20)
- Mental Health day – wear something year (Published 08.10.20)

Additional Information – Flu immunisation for all children from Reception to Year 6

Reminder - You have to register for the flu immunisation before the Friday 9th October or your child will not be able to have the immunisation.

Future Dates

14 October - Flu Immunisation for all children from Reception to Year 6

15 October - Kent Test

23 October – End of Term 1

2 November – Deadline to apply for a secondary school (Year 6)

9 November – Individual photos (unfortunately we will not be able to take sibling photos as well)

Attendance:

Please remember if your child is not attending school you must either phone the school office or text them on 07874873901 with the reason why they are not in.