



Sheerness West Federation West Minster Primary School Week Ahead 5 October 2020



Message from Mr Cooper ...

A huge thank you to children, parents and staff at West Minster for managing the changes of room and other arrangements that we had to make at short notice. The electrical issue is now resolved and all should be back to the new normal next week.

In my message last week, I spoke about parents wearing face coverings when on the school site, there are a growing number of you who are, thank you. **Please do all wear one when on school site, unless you have a legitimate health reason for not doing so.** Every measure we can take to make the school a safer place is worth taking. The systems we have in place are all designed to reduce the risk, if we can find a way to tighten them we will.

We haven't had any response to our request for a new parent governor across the federation, so if we can twist your arm and you were thinking about it, please let the school office know. Thank you in advance.

Message from Miss Brewer ...

It certainly has been an unexpected week of challenges, but both staff and pupils have been fantastic. This is the first week that reception children have come in full time which is a long day for them but they are settling well and are enjoying the school routine. Also this week you would have noticed that the children have now started to bring a book home to read, and have been excited to do their quizzes when they come back into school.

Message for the children from Miss Ovenden ...

Well done on all being so adaptable this week; even though everyone has had some changes to their routine you have all continued to remain focused and it has not impacted on your learning at all. A big thank you from all the adults in the school who have commented on how well you have carried on even when we had no electricity or internet and have had to move classrooms too.

This week in your learning EYFS have been looking at the story of Elmer and making their own Elmer's out of milk bottles and using repeated patterns to decorate them. In Years 1 and 2 they have been looking at the story Oi, Get Off My Train, as well as practicing their number skills of tens and ones and being able to say what is one more than a number and one less. There have been some lovely leaflets created in Years 3 and 4 about how to keep safe at school and Year 5 and 6 have followed a similar theme and have created a new game of social distance football. They have also been looking at different sources of light and road safety. Ivy Centre have been finding out about the Trojan Horse as well as looking at shadows and how they change size; an extremely busy and productive week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Well done to Rose and Lavender their attendance of 99% 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.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>

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

- Change of location for the KS1, Ivy Centre and Nursery (Published 30.09.20)

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

Reminder - You have to register for the flu immunisation before the 9 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 they are not in.