



# Sheerness West Federation West Minster Primary School Week Ahead 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020



## Message from Mr Cooper ...

A huge thank you once again to children, parents and staff at West Minster for your amazing support at this difficult time.

This week did pretty much go to plan, and we now have all our classes open again across the federation, with Primrose reopening, and the only class to have had to close at West Minster, hopefully showing our bubble system is working. We have now purchased defogging canisters which we will use on any future room where we have a possible connection with a positive case. Hopefully, we won't have to of course.

We now have only a few children and staff isolating, we wish all those at home or recovering, well. I will continue to keep you updated on every instance where/if we have a confirmed case that could potentially affect any of you. We will always put the safety of children, families and staff above the wish to stay open.

We are also going to have special chemical treatment carried out on the first day of half term, across both the federation schools on all touch points and surfaces, which enables us to be accredited with a safer space certificate, as the virus should not survive on those surfaces for 90 days following the treatment, and this will help protect us further until the end of January. It is quite expensive, but if it helps protect even one person, then well worth it. We will leave no stone unturned we promise.

Please can you play your part to, so that you do all wear a face covering when on school site, unless you have a legitimate health reason for not doing so. Thank you to the huge majority of you who are already, your response has been amazing.

Apart from any self-isolating children, all children should be back in school for the week before half term please. We really need them to stay on the smooth path they were on at the start of term. I do understand your worries at this time, but equally they really can't miss any more school if we can possibly help it.

Thank you all. Stay safe and well.

## Message from Miss Brewer ...

As we approach our final week before we break for half-term I would once again like to thank you for your continued support and understanding this term. Welcome back to children who have returned to school it is lovely to see you. I really enjoy the privilege of walking around school, observing all the fascinating learning that is taking place and how busy everyone is, including some of the older children who have sat their Kent test this week, no matter what their results everyone can be proud that they tried their best.

## Message for the children from Miss Ovenden ...

Another very busy week; please remember that the teachers have been asked to post a little blurb of what you have done each day on ClassDojo on the class story that you can share with your families at home.

In Ivy Centre you have been very busy creating your Proud Cloud which allows you to share all your great work you do in school with your grownups. In reception your book of the week has been The Selfish Crocodile; where the crocodile has been asking you to write your names. In Year 1/2 you have been busy looking at showing number bonds in different ways, using the cherry or bar method. Year 3 and Year 4 you have continued to learn all about the Greek Gods; looking at the story of Hercules to getting ready to write your own version next week. Year 5 and 6 you have also been looking at stories this week and have written your own escape story based on the Lion and Unicorn. Finally, you have been looking at multiplication in numeracy too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Well done to Bluebell and Poppy for 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.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>

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

- Data collection sheets – checking up-to-date information (Published 15.10.20)
- Welcoming Primrose Class back (Published 13.10.20)

#### **Future Dates**

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.