



Sheerness West Federation
West Minster Primary School
Week Ahead
28th September 2020



Message from Mr Cooper ...

- **Quick follow up from my letter this week...**

Just to clarify, at this point in time it is not compulsory for parents to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting, however **if you are able to do so please do**. I think the phrase would be, '**we are strongly recommending it!**'

This week I have been lucky enough to have watched all the classes in action at both schools from the external doorways with my visor on...It has been so lovely to see how well the children are settled and the amazing work that the teachers, teaching assistants, well-being team, midday supervisors and indeed (so I don't miss anyone out!) all the staff are doing to keep the children safe, happy and enjoying learning and spending time with their classmates in school.

Your children are a credit to you all... The children I spoke with were so helpful and enlightening in explaining that, whilst they were a bit rusty with some of the things they were being asked to do, actually they were managing pretty well and were getting used to the new routines.

Attendance is also very encouraging, please keep them coming every day where you possibly can, as education has never felt more precious or important. THANK YOU!

Message from Miss Brewer ...

Another busy week at school, where we have seen that the children are working really hard. Since the start of term, they have been enjoying listening to stories and reading in their classrooms. However, we realise that even though they are experiencing reading in school it is important that they can do this at home too. So, we have put into place a new system to enable children to enjoy reading school books safely at home (a letter has been sent out to explain this).

Message for the children from Miss Ovenden ...

I am not sure if someone has done a rain dance this week but the weather has definitely changed! Please make sure you are bringing in a waterproof coat and shoes so you can still go out at playtime and if it is your PE day please make sure you have appropriate clothing for the weather, **please wear your school sweatshirt over your PE t-shirt and jogging bottoms/tracksuit trouser**.

You have been busy bees again this week with Ivy Centre planning their new outside planter ready for the mud to arrive; it is going to look beautiful when it is completed. I was lucky enough to watch some lessons this week (from the door way) and saw some great vegetable faces and pizzas being made in EYFS as you found out all about Oliver Vegetables. In Year 1 and 2 it was great to see you excited over the google map images of the school; it was interesting to see all the different things we have in our local area. Year 3 and Year 4 have also been looking at the environment around us, with you thinking about how the lockdown had an impact on it and if it was a positive or negative thing. Finally, in Year 5 and Year 6 you were asking lots of questions that you would like to find out about the World War 2; I cannot wait to see what you have found out.

Have a lovely weekend.

Well done to Sweetpea 98%, Snowdrops 98% and Foxgloves 100% their attendance 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/>

- **Road safety**

We were contacted this week about an incident where a child had a near miss by a road. Road safety will be revisited in the classes next week; can we please ask that you also have a discussion with your child about the dangers of roads.

- **Parking/Road Safety**

A polite reminder that we must be considerate of our neighbours at all times and please do not park in the staff car park as this is being used as an entrance for children.

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

- Government advice on symptoms of Covid (Published on 25.09.20)
- Taking reading books home (Published on 23.09.20)
- Update on the school from Mr Cooper (Published on 23.09.20)

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.