



Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 28 June 2021



Federation Message from Mrs Pattenden ...

Dear Parents/Carers

Almost half way through term 6 – where is the time going? A busy week where we have started celebrating Arts Week, some Year 6 have visited Oasis Academy and some pupils have been taking part in the Estuary Project.

On behalf of the federation, we welcome Mrs L Peters who is our new Attendance Officer. You will be seeing her on the gate at various points in both schools.

On the subject of attendance this morning at Rose Street we had 40 late arrivals and 23 at West Minster. While we appreciate the odd emergency situation may arise, being in school at the right time does help settle the children and enhance their learning.

Wishing you a very restful weekend.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID OR IS UNWELL

We are asking all parents to ensure that you **do not send your child to school if they are suffering with one of the 3 main symptoms, please keep them at home if you have any concerns.** If you do keep your child home, you must, of course, notify school in the normal way.

We would also remind parents of the following:

1. **If someone in your household tests positive the whole household MUST isolate for 10 days – please inform the school urgently via the office email between 8-4 or via ClassDojo if out of hours.** Nobody from the household should go out even if they have no symptoms. (if this is from a lateral flow test you have done **at home**, you should then get a PCR test, and once again let us know the result.)
2. **If someone in your household has symptoms or is getting a test, everyone should stay at home whilst that person gets a test. Children should not attend school during that time.** If the result is negative you can return to normal. If the result is positive you must follow the above points in number 1.

Message from Ms Brewer

There has been lots going on this week at West Minster; Mrs Forster has entered us into a competition where we get a chance to design the side of an Aldi lorry. There has been some fantastic designs with colourful fruits and vegetables. We cannot wait to see if we get picked and then everyone will see our artist skills. In other parts of the school we have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe on the internet, as we all know the internet is a wonderful place but we do need to know how to protect ourselves whilst we are on there. Please check out <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to access some brilliant internet safety advice, including up to date information about apps and what age limit they have on them and what potential risk they can have. Also, in KS1 we have been learning about significant people from history and have found out all about Amelia Earhart and Stephan Hawkings; I wonder if the children can remember any facts from them?

Everyone is looking forward to next week as we have sports week and art week. In sports week all the children will have a chance to try a different sporting activity each day including a blow up assault course. Please can we remind you that the children will need to come in appropriate PE clothes (a plain t-shirt and either shorts or joggers/leggings) for Monday to Thursday and then on Friday everyone will be dressing up as a different sporting event/person. For the art week we will be looking at local artist and entering art pieces in a competition.

Finally, West Minster have been extremely lucky and Miss Simpson has won the school £1000 to spend on sports equipment. We are planning to spend this money on sporting equipment that the children can use during their playtimes and lead by our brilliant Sports Leaders.

Message from Mrs Mackay

What a lovely week we've had! Thank you to Miss Roberts and Miss Carter for planning and organising World Music Day on Monday; the children learnt about different music genres and made lots of interesting musical instruments. Then onto the rest of the week where the children took part in the Art Builders project. Thank you to Mrs Reid, Miss Wright, Mrs Towsey and Mr Oates who cleverly combined Art and Geography during Art Builders week; the children have produced some fantastic art work based on our local environment.

Next week is Sports week and Mr McKenzie has planned an exciting week for the children. During sports week the children will have a chance to try a different sporting activity each day including a blow up assault course. Please can we remind you that the children will need to come in appropriate PE clothes (a plain t-shirt and either shorts or joggers/leggings) for Monday to Thursday and then on Friday everyone will be dressing up as a different sporting event/person.

Finally, we have been fortunate enough to be chosen as 1 of 500 schools who will receive £1000 worth of Nike and Sports Direct vouchers from The Monster Kickabout project to purchase sports equipment. We are planning to spend this money on sporting equipment that the children can use during their playtimes and lead by our brilliant Sports Leaders.

Message from the Well-being Team



Rethink Periods is a nationwide schools programme updating mainstream period education in primary and secondary schools. It offers unbiased and informative information on all products available and the social and environmental contexts of menstruation.

We are extremely excited to be able to offer this programme, in the future, as it will enable us to provide educational and practical support for our upper KS2 children.

<https://www.citytosea.org.uk/campaign/plastic-free-periods/rethink-periods/>

Newsround special on periods:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000t0zd/newsround-specials-lets-talk-about-periods>

A Dad's guide to periods:

<https://www.heygirls.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Pads-4-Dads-Booklet-Final.pdf>

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website (<http://www.rose-street.kent.sch.uk/>) and (<http://www.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/>) were:

- Demelza Care – shorts day reminder (Published 21 June)
- School age transition workshop (Published 21 June)
- Term 6 PE Newsletter (Published 18 June)
- Kent Police bike marking (Published 18 June)

This week's Dates for your diary:

Future Dates

- Monday 28 June – Friday 2 July – Sports week
- Monday 28 June – Nursery Graduations (RS)
- Tuesday 29 June – Reception Graduations (RS)
- Wednesday 30 June – Reception Graduations (WM)
- Thursday 1 July – Nursery Graduations (WM)
- Friday 2 July – Dress up in sporty clothes
- Friday 9 July – Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 21 July – Term 6 ends