



Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 29 November 2021



Federation Message from Mrs Pattenden ...

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that the Federation have donated over £500 to the British Legion following our Remembrance fairs.



That is fantastic - thank you for your generosity!

What a busy couple of weeks with work in recognition of great causes!

Anti-bullying week (some people wore odd socks) and Children in Need (either wearing pyjamas or own clothes) and we are now in the throes of Christmas rehearsals!

Parents Consultation appointments are available from the School Cloud next week.

We hope you have a great weekend!

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

Please follow the link below if your child is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Message from Ms Brewer

The weeks are going so fast and it will soon be Christmas. Last week the children had been doing lots of activities around Anti Bullying including wearing odd socks, and celebrating Children in Need day by being very generous buying lots of Children in Need items, then on the Friday everyone wearing pyjamas, what a great way to end the week. This is such a busy term but with lots of lovely things planned such as Nativities, Christmas Fairs and parties and of course Santa visiting. It all starts On Friday the 3rd December with Elf day to highlight Alzheimers. So, lots going on. Have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Message from Mrs Mackay

Happy Friday!

The children have been very busy practising their Christmas songs, it's been lovely hearing them sing!

Next week Parents Evening appointments will be taking place. PLEASE take the opportunity to book an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. These meetings are a fantastic opportunity to find out how your children are progressing and what their next steps of development are.

We have lots of exciting events taking place over the next few weeks; please check ClassDojo, Class whiteboards and the Newsletters to ensure you are aware of all dates.

Message from Well-being Team

We can't believe that the last full week of November has been and gone! The children have been busy learning away and even the odd Christmas tune is being heard in the corridors. A little reminder that the Kindred Spirit Group is running Thursday 2nd at 9am, at Rose Street Primary School. Open to anyone that has full time care for a child that is not their own (Kinship Care). It will be lovely to see you there 😊

As Christmas time is fast approaching we are aware that times can be very difficult so we'd like to remind you of a wonderful resource that some of you might not know about. It's Swale Food Bank, if you are feeling the pinch at the moment and feel a food parcel would help please contact Sally at Rose Street or Claire at West Minster and they can support with access to vouchers.

We have been contacted by a lady called Jade Carpenter, a housing officer from Swale Borough Council. Her role is to identify people who may have been affected by Covid-19 and are suffering financially due to this. She is hoping to see if there is anything she can do to ease financial difficulty using an additional grant that has been awarded by the Government. If you feel this can help you please reach out to a member of our well-being team so they can help you get in touch.

Please remember a strong individual is one that knows to ask for help when they need it!

Message from The Attendance Team



The federation's attendance in Term 1 was 91.5% for Rose Street and 91.9% for West Minster. We want the school attendance to be 100%. Why? Because the higher the attendance, the more chance your child has to succeed in life, not just academically but also socially.

From now to Christmas, children who reach 100% in any week will have their names put in a draw for some Christmas pens. But of course, we will also make sure that pupils with an EHCP or a Health Plan will not be disadvantaged.

When your child's attendance is below 96%, you will receive a letter and that's regardless of the circumstances for that led to the attendance being low – because we have to inform you that your child's attendance is concerning and may affect their overall development.

It is parents' legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time (in the class between 8.35 am and 8.45 am). It is also parent's responsibility to contact the school by 8.30 am on the first day of their child's absence and subsequent days of absence. This is a safeguarding issue requirement so that all parties know that your child is safe.

This can be done in person at the school office, by phone, text message or by email (attendance@swfed.co.uk). Failure to inform the school of a child's absence will result in us calling you and may result in unauthorised codes (O) being applied for the missed sessions (there are two sessions in one day). Parents should avoid this because when a child has 10 unauthorised sessions, they will most probably receive a Penalty Notice warning letter.

Finally, the rule on sickness and/or diarrhoea has now changed: pupils with sickness or diarrhoea should now stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone. We request medical evidence for any absence lasting longer than 3 days, but in the case of pupils whose attendance is below 96% and if you have received a medical evidence letter, we will require medical evidence for every absence. Without this evidence, the absence will not be authorised. Medical evidence can take the form of prescription, medication, appointment cards, etc. Children with known medical conditions will not get penalised



**Finally, what a beautiful term to be at school!
Christmas is lurking around the corner and with that,
many fun activities and events to be enjoyed at school!**

The attendance Team,
attendance@swfed.co.uk

This week's Dates for your diary:

Future Dates

- Friday 3rd December – Dress as an Elf for Alzheimer & [Rose Street Christmas Dinner](#)
- Monday 6th December – [West Minster Non-uniform day for a chocolate bar and Carol Service](#)
- Tuesday 7th December – [Rose Street Year 1- 6 Christmas Production](#) [West Minster KS2 Christmas Fair](#)
- Wednesday 8th December - [West Minster Early Years Nativity](#), [KS1 Christmas Fair](#) and [KS2 Carol Concert](#)
- Thursday 9th December - [West Minster Early Years Nativity](#)
- Friday 10th December - [Rose Street Year Nursery & Reception Christmas Production](#)
- Monday 13th December – [West Minster KS1 Nativity](#)
- Tuesday 14th December – [Rose Street Christmas Disco \(Year 1-6\)](#) and [West Minster KS1 Nativity](#)
- Wednesday 15 December – [West Minster Christmas Puppet Show](#), [Christmas Jumper Day](#), [Christmas Dinner](#)
- Thursday 16th December – End of Term and [West Minster Got Talent](#), [Staff Pantos](#) and [Class Parties](#)
- Friday 17th December – Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 4th January – Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 5th January – Term 3 begins

