



# Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 13 December 2021



## Federation Message from Mrs Pattenden ...

Dear Parents/Carers

Where is the time going?

What a very mixed two-weeks it has been!

We welcomed Ofsted at Westminster on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November and it was so lovely to see all the “elves” around both schools on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



We are aware that there is a rise in the number of confirmed Covid cases across the Federation. The number of pupils exhibiting symptoms and awaiting test results is also increasing. It is a very anxious time again. However, may I also reassure you that we are following advice (both written and phone calls). The staff continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week, wear masks in communal areas and we promote hand sanitising all of the time. On top of this, we have also noticed that there are quite a few children who have been absent through sickness – a quick reminder that we follow the NHS guidance for that too.

I just want to take this opportunity to say that it was an incredibly difficult decision to cancel the performances and fairs – we are truly very sorry. However, we are just trying to do our very best to keep everyone as safe as possible, especially the closer we get to Christmas.

The children will still be celebrating Christmas in a few ways as well as performing the productions so we can film them - we will endeavour to get these to you as quickly as possible.

With only a few days left of term, on behalf of the Federation ...

*we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you have a fabulous break and please stay safe.*



### **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

Another week gone by, the children are going to be really busy for the last week of term. The school looks very festive with the Christmas trees that the children have been decorating and the hall which also looks fantastic with the Christmas hoops that the children have also decorated. We have Father Christmas visiting the school playgrounds on Monday. And then the last day will be Thursday 16th the children will be watching remotely the staff Panto which I am sure will be something they will remember.

Could I kindly remind you that when you are just outside the gates that children can be out so please could you think about them when you are talking or choosing to smoke. It is only left now for me to say that all the staff at West Minster wish you and your families a happy Christmas and new year. We all look forward to seeing you on the 5th January.

## Message from Mrs Mackay

Firstly, can I repeat what Mrs Pattenden has said above, I'm truly sorry about cancelled events and understand your disappointment.

We have continued to ensure the children carry out lots of Christmas themed work at school, glitter, glue and crafts everywhere!

Next week we will be filming our Christmas productions on Tuesday so remember to put the children in their Christmas jumpers. You'll be notified about arrangements for class parties by the class teachers, so keep an eye out.

Our Year 6 pupils have been carrying out some mock SATs (national testing) and their teachers have arranged some individual events for them next week so please check ClassDojo for information.

The last day of term will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December and all children including Nursery can wear non-uniform to school. We're looking forward to our last 4 festive days at school before we break up for Christmas.

## Message from Well-being Team

We are nearly at the end of term and the children have continued to work incredibly hard. Although they have been disappointed that family could not come in to see their performances they are still able to enjoy lots of festive fun in their classrooms.

We have a polite request to make to anyone coming onto the school site to please use acceptable language while having conversations with others or on the phone. Please be mindful of who is around to hear what you are saying.



Please find the timetable for Seashells for December, they have some wonderful things going on for families this month.



# DECEMBER 2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Make and Munch 9.30am</b> </p> <p>A group sharing healthy and budget friendly recipes to cook with your family</p>	<p><b>Bubba Club 9.30am</b> </p> <p>Every week will be a different topic and useful information for Parents &amp; Carers that we shared in our Baby Stay &amp; Play group on Monday</p>	<p><b>Sensory Time 9.30am</b> </p> <p>Join us for a weekly Sensory Time session where we will be exploring different sensory ideas and activities for you to try at home with your children.</p>	<p><b>CONTACT US</b> </p> <p><b>01795 889233</b>  <a href="mailto:Info@children-families.org">Info@children-families.org</a>  <a href="http://www.children-families.org">www.children-families.org</a>  <b>Facebook Messenger</b></p>	<p><b>You Time 2.30pm</b> </p> <p>Ideas, support and tips on how to feel good, inside and out.</p>
<p><b>Baby Stay &amp; Play Seashells</b>                      For Under 1's and new parents                      1:00-2:30  <b>6th, 13th and 20th</b></p> <p>A fun and interactive group for under 1's and new parents to meet and share information about the early stages</p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b></p>	<p> <b>** Group Notice**</b>                      Aquatots will be returning on Tuesday 4th January sessions 9:30-10:30 and 10:30-11:30, see our Facebook page or contact our front desk on how to become a member</p> <p><b>Seashells Stay &amp; Play Community Church, Sheerness</b>                      1:00-2:00pm <b>7th and 14th</b>                      A Fun and Interactive Stay and Play Group for children and their families</p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b></p>	<p><b>Kent Community Pantry, Money Drop in Service &amp; Bookstall Seashells</b>                      11:00am-12.30pm  <b>1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th</b>  <a href="http://www.kentcommunitypantry.org">www.kentcommunitypantry.org</a></p> <p><b>Drop In One Stop Shop</b>                      10.00-12.30  <b>8th and 22nd</b>                      Domestic abuse shop offers free advice, information and support from a range of agencies.</p>	<p> <b>Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</b>                      From all the staff and volunteers at Seashells</p> <p> <b>Seashells Christmas Opening Times</b>                      Friday 24th Dec - 8am to 3pm                      Monday 27th Dec - Closed                      Tuesday 28th Dec - Closed                      Wednesday 29th Dec - Open as usual and reception 8.30-4.30pm                      Thursday 30th Dec - Open as usual and reception 8.30am-4.30pm                      Friday 31st Dec - 8am - 3pm                      Monday 3rd Jan - Closed for New Year's day bank holiday                      Tuesday 4th Jan - open as usual, reception 8.30am - 4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Seashells Stay &amp; Play Seashells</b>                      10:00-11:00am &amp; 1:00-2:00pm  <b>3rd, 10th and 17th</b></p> <p>A Fun and Interactive Stay and Play Group for children and their families with puzzles, games and singing.</p> <p><b>**There will be an additional Stay &amp; Play on Thursday 23rd December 1:00-2:00pm**</b></p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b></p>
<p><b>Breastfeeding Group</b>                      Drop In at Seashells                      1:00-3:00  <b>6th, 13th and 20th</b></p> <p>A drop in session with a member of the health visiting team where you can meet other women, share experiences and get support</p> <p></p>	<p><b>***LEGO CLUB***</b> </p> <p>Seashells                      For children aged 5-7                      3:30-4:30  <b>7th &amp; 14th</b></p> <p>Lego club welcomes all builders and engineers to share and develop their love of brick building</p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b>                      *Spaces are limited*</p>	<p><b>Story Explorers 4 week sessions</b>                      Seashells 1:45-2:30pm  <b>Call for waiting list</b>                      Come and enjoy bringing your favourite characters to life. Picture books, pop up books, toddler stories and much more...</p> <p><b>Baby &amp; Toddler Sing &amp; Sign</b>                      Seashells 1:15-2:15pm  <b>1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd</b>                      Come and join this relaxing group for babies under 2. Story time and signing to nursery rhymes</p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b></p>	<p><b>Playground Creative play</b>                      Seashells                      1.00-1.45pm  <b>2nd, 9th &amp; 16th</b></p> <p>A magical experience for you and your children with art and music. Led by a brilliant team of artists and musicians</p> <p> <b>BOOKABLE SLOTS ONLY</b>                      *Spaces are very limited*</p> <p></p>	<p><b>Baby Massage</b>                      4 week course</p> <p>A completely relaxing and pleasurable experience, it helps boost baby's immune system, enhances your bond and helps promote longer deeper sleep.</p> <p><b>Programmes for Parents</b>                      Solihull Ante-Natal *ACE Coffee Morning                      * Solihull Parenting Programme                      *Kent Parenting Programme</p> <p><b>If you are interested in any of these courses please contact our front desk</b></p>
<p> The Sensory Hub is open Monday to Friday. Please contact Front Desk to check availability </p>				

## This week's Dates for your diary:

### Future Dates

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Term 3 begins