

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



July 2024

And so, another school year draws to a close. It has been challenging at times and also very rewarding. The school is looking great and we are delighted to be so involved in the leadership of the Pre-School which is going from strength to strength. We are proud to have made some amazing achievements – we won the Small Schools Trophy in the District Sports and we have a combined score of 100% in KS2 SATs, but most of all we have a happy, fun-filled school of children and a team of exhausted, but proud, adults, all looking forward to the summer break before we do it all again. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Simmons
Headteacher

Farming Thursdays

We are delighted to announce that from September we will be collaborating with Stelling Farm to offer Farm school to our students. Each year group at school will have the opportunity to visit the farm once a term to learn more about farming, sustainability, food and much more!

This is an exciting new venture and we will keep you informed of timetables in the new academic year.

Key Term Dates Term 1 & 2

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS School closed to children
Wednesday 4th September	Children back to school Mice half days W-F
Tuesday 10th September	Yr 3 Visit to Stelling Church
Thursday 12th September	Kent Test
Wednesday 2nd October	Stay & Play for Pre-school children
Friday 4th October	Grandparents Tea
Friday 11th October	Harvest Service at Stelling Church
Thursday 17th October	Open Afternoon
Thursday 24th October	Open Celebration Worship
Friday 25th October	INSET Day
TBC	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 4th November	Children back to school
12th, 13th & 14th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 29th November	Christingle
Wednesday 4th December	Panto in School
Tuesday 10th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11th December	Nativity Performance
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Friday 13th & Monday 16th December	Cake Making & Cake Decorating
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Party & Talent Show
Friday 19th December	Carol Concert
Friday 20th December	Christmas Service Upper Harges Church / End of Term

Time to say goodbye...

Our Year 6 children will be leaving us at Stelling Minnis to join their new secondary schools and embark on a new adventure!

We wish all the best to;

Aldous, Ella-Rose, Hannah, Millie, Logan, Shanice, Taisiia, Theo and Tom

*May there always be work
for your hands to do,
May your purse always hold
a coin or two,
May the sun always shine
upon your window pane,
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain,
May the hand of a friend
always be near to you and
May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.*

SATS

We are very proud that 100% of our children achieved at least the expected standard in their Reading, Writing and Maths SATs. National is approximately 62%.

33% of our Year 6 children achieved the higher standard in Reading and Writing and 55% of our children achieved the higher standard in Maths.

Our Year 6 children worked incredibly hard and we know that they will continue to do well in their new school!

Sporting Achievements

Sports Day was a successful event and we are glad the rain held off! It was lovely to see such kind acts of sportsmanship between the children. Well done to GREEN HOUSE who are this years winners! Sports Day Winners:

The Minnis Run was also a great success! Starting just round the corner from the village shop, flashes of yellow could be seen running through the Minnis towards Harvest Lane. Thank you to our marshall volunteers and to Rapinder and Mark who each year kindly loan us their front garden for refreshments at the end of the race.

Each year we take part in District Sports, a competition held at Three Hills Sports Ground in Folkestone. Lots of schools take part and we are proud to announce that Stelling Minnis are DISTRICT SPORTS CHAMPIONS in the small schools category! Well done to all the children involved.

Housepoints

Congratulations to RED house who have achieved the most points this academic year!

Uniform

The governors have set the policy for our uniform at Stelling Minnis and request that the children come to school looking smart. Parents may soon be purchasing new items for the new school year and we would like to remind parents of the following.

- For PE the children may wear PLAIN black leggings or shorts or joggers in the winter months. Please note: no stripes, logos or patterns.
- PLAIN black footwear. Again not branded please.
- The children may wear dark grey or black shorts, skirts, pinafores or trousers. No navy or light grey please.

We have a small amount of spare shared kit for those children who on occasion are not in the correct uniform.

Key Stage Two Production



Well done to all the children and adults involved in our Key Stage Two production of Hansel & Gretel. From costumes, to backdrops, learning lines to learning songs, it was a wonderful show. Thank you to our staff and to the parents who helped pull it all together!

End of Year Awards

In our final celebration Worship of the year, special awards are given to children who have stood out for various reasons. This year, awards have been given to:

Sadie Spangle Performing Arts Shield:
Aldous

Politeness Cups:

Mice- Maria
Squirrels- William
Otters- Erin
Badgers- Tom

The Mike Spurling Cup:

Harvey

Davies Cup:

Barney

The Champion Cup:

Ella-Rose

The Jonathan Bushell Award:

Taisiia

New Year 6 Roles & Responsibilities:

Head Girl: Dora

Head Boy: Archie

Head of School Council: Flavius

Red House Captain: Theo

Blue House Captain: Lottie

Green House Captain: Archie

Yellow House Captain: Flavius

Worship Monitors: Sasha & Willow

End of Play Monitor: Scott

School Meals

From 1st September, CaterInk, our school meals provider will be increasing the cost of a hot school meal to £3.25 per meal, per day.

Children in Mice and Squirrels are entitled to free school meals. Children in Otters and Badgers need to pay for their meal unless parents are in receipt of certain benefits. If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please speak to office staff who will be happy to advise on eligibility.

PE

From September, PE will be on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Children are asked to wear PE Kit to school on these days.