

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 1st December 2023

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2023. It gives me great pleasure to be returning in January as the school's Headteacher. This is my favourite time of year at school and the school is alive with Christmas festivities. I look forward to seeing you at our Church Service on our last day of term.

Mrs Simmons: Headteacher

Christingle

Thank you to all those who came and supported our second ever Christingle Service. It was a beautiful occasion and a great way to kick off the festive season. Thank you to Mrs Burgess for organising such a lovely event.



Key Term Dates

Monday 4th December	Christmas Cake Making
Tuesday 5th December	Peter Pan Pantomime Performance funded by our PTA
Wednesday 6th December	Mice & Squirrels Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.30pm
Thursday 7th December	Mice & Squirrels Nativity 2.30pm (Collection for Sae the Children and new Performance Lights!)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Save the Children) Christmas Cake Decorating
Monday 11th– Wednesday 13th December	Bikeability– Year 6
Tuesday 12th December	Make a Christmas Decoration with your child NEW TIME 2pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Carol Concert KS2 2.45pm
Wednesday 13th December	Pre-booked Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December	School Christmas Party, Talent Show & Special Guest!
Friday 15th December (Last Day of Term)	Upper Harges Church Christmas Service 9am All Welcome

Remembrance

Some children from Year 1 and Year 6 walked to our local war memorial to pay their respects. We are looking forward to taking other year groups on local visits.



New Website!

We are very proud of our new school website. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and find the information you need. We are still developing some pages with new content including our class pages but we hope that you like what we have done so far. Please take a look at www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk and see what you think!

More School Improvements!

You may have noticed some

improvements to our school environment! The old climbing equipment has been removed and we are currently in the process of selecting some replacement equipment. Our new Beehive learning space is looking wonderful too and the school hall has some new lighting which feels much fresher. We are very fortunate to have received some sponsorship from local company Kier and more improvements are scheduled for the Christmas Holidays. We can't wait!

Stelling Minnis PTA

Our PTA have been working really hard to help us raise funds for our continued school improvement. They have supported a range of fundraising activities such as a very successful Marlowe Panto trip and a School Disco! If you have any suggestions on how these events should happen, the PTA welcomes new PTA Members to support in organising new events.

If you have any suggestions or concerns about the school itself, please raise these directly through school channels. Thank you.

Christmas at Stelling Minnis

Christmas is a very special time at our school. The children

have been learning about Advent, the Jesse Tree and how we can help others at this time.

In addition to that, there are some events new and old we would like to share with you.

Make a decoration with your child & Carol Concert

If you are able to join your child, please arrive at school for 2pm so that you may join in with a Christmas craft. Please note— some of our Year 6 children will be at bikeability. At 2.45pm we will gather together in the school hall for our KS2 Carol Concert with refreshments.

Christmas Party and Talent Show

The children may bring in their party clothes to change into for our afternoon party. The talent show is open to all children. This event is supported by our PTA.

Church Service

Children need to be taken directly to Upper Hades Church ready for a 9am start to our Christmas Service. We kindly ask parents to then bring their children back to school after the service. Please speak to class teachers if you have any questions regarding this.

Children In Need

A huge well done to our Year 6 Charity Committee who raised..... In support of Children in Need. The whole school enjoyed the games prepared by our oldest students.



Football Club

Next Thursday is the last session this term. Football Club will return in Term 4 so please look out for confirmation closer to the time. Thank you so much to Ross and Anthony for running our Football Club.

And Finally...

Thank you from all the staff at the school for your support over the past two terms. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!