

# Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



## Newsletter



Friday 14th February 2025

School has been a busy place the past few weeks. It is always so lovely to speak with the children in the corridor or in the classrooms to hear about their day, their experiences and most importantly their ideas! Both School Council and our Worship Leaders have been meeting to discuss what impact they would like to have on their school. It has also been great to welcome in a local planetarium to take the children to space– we have more visitors booked for the beginning of next term too! Thank you as well for the recent donations of plants for the school-Your support is very much appreciated.

Happy Half Term!

*Mrs Buss*  
*Acting Headteacher*

### Collective Worship

This term, we have been reflecting on the word flourish and what it means to us. We have also discussed what it means to be a good shepherd and the ideas behind Jesus being the light, bread and water of the world.

### Key Dates Term 4

24th February	Pupils return to school Swimming commences Year 3
26th February	The Happy Puzzle Company Workshop
3rd– 7th March	Prayer & Reflection Week
18th & 19th March	Parent Consultations
21st March	Red Nose Day Fundraising
26th March	Book Fair Arrives (5 days)
28th March	Mother’s Day Tea
31st March	Stelling Minnis Book Day
1st April	Provisional Date for Hockey Tournament Yr 5/6 Team
2nd April	Easter Egg Hunt
3rd April	Easter Competitions Mice & Squirrels– Bonnets Otters & Badgers– Cakes
4th April	Easter Service 2.30pm at School Last day of term

#### Farming Thursdays: Provisional Dates

27th February	Year 6
6th March	Year 5
13th March	Year 4
20th March	Year 3
27th March	Year 2
3rd April	Year 1
TBC	Year R

### School Improvements

Apart from our lovely new plants (thank you!) we have had delivery of some wonderful new picnic benches which are just waiting to be assembled. Our nurture room is having some well deserved attention to create a warm, calming environment for our children and we have updated some displays in the corridor. We have also had confirmation that our new playground provision will be installed in 12 weeks time. Hopefully over the Easter Holidays!

### Parents’ Evenings

Class teachers will be in touch to book appointments for Parents’ Evenings. If you would like an appointment with your child’s class teacher, please keep these dates free. Thank you.

### Attendance

Our attendance for term Three is 94.3%

This is a little under our school target of 95% so we hope to improve next term.

## Top Performing Primary School in Kent!

We are very proud of our SATs results, with a small cohort each child can represent a high percentage so to achieve 100% expected is a great achievement. What the news article didn't mention is that a approximately a third of the class also achieved greater depth! We hear our leavers are enjoying secondary school and are continuing to do well academically!

## Parking & Road Safety

Please keep the yellow zig zags clear outside of our school. We all have a duty to park responsibly and help to keep our children safe. Please also keep the disabled bays clear and reverse park where possible.

Please also ensure that children are crossing the road safely. We have had some reports of children running across the road and we would like everyone to be safe!

## Stelling Minnis PTA

Thank you to our PTA and to all who voted in the Tesco token challenge! We came second place and raised £1000 for the school! Once the playground has been installed, we will discuss with the PTA and the

children what we want to use the money for.

## Planetarium

The children loved their visit to space! At first we were not sure if the dome would fit our hall but luckily a slightly smaller dome was brought along just in case! The children knew lots of facts about space and hopefully learnt some new things too! We hope to repeat this experience next year as part of our curriculum offer to the children.



## The role of Governors

The governing body of our school carries out an important role, such as overseeing strategy, policy and finance. We are fortunate to have increased our governing body recently and we are excited to enhance our vision for the school.

If you have a concern or query regarding your child's learning in school, we ask you to speak with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance as they are often in the best position

to address any matters and deal with things quickly. Further guidance may be found here.

[https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies\\_procedures/658796](https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies_procedures/658796)

## Farm School

This term the children have been learning about how to inspect animals and check if they are healthy. Each year group took responsibility for a different animal so that when the children revisit this topic next year, it will be with a new animal! Mrs Reynolds took some beautiful pictures of the farm— look out for some in the school entrance soon! Next term, the children will be learning about Animal Husbandry and hopefully it will be a little warmer!

