

# Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



# Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2024

*As we reach the end of the winter term, it really does feel like the school year is whizzing by! There has been plenty to celebrate at school, from the well-attended school disco, a popular second term of Farming Thursdays as well as our annual Christmas Festivities– what talented children we have at Stelling Minnis!*

*There is much to celebrate at the school and I look forward to seeing what the new year brings. I am committed to supporting the school in my role as Acting Headteacher. The school is a special place with the most wonderful team of children & adults! A recent visitor commented on our polite, well-mannered and courteous children and I have to agree!*

*Thank you for all your support and Merry Christmas!*

*Mrs Buss  
Acting 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 6th January	Children return to school
Monday 13th January	Swimming starts for Year 3
Wednesday 15th January	Closing Date for Reception places
Friday 14th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4

### Farm School Term 3

Year 6 & 5– 9th January

Year 4– 16th January

Year 3– 23rd January

Year 2– 30th January

Year 1– 6th February

Year R– 13th February

## Chair of Governors and Governing Body.

On Tuesday 10th December, Pam Burgess stood down as Chair of Governors at our school. We would like to thank her for her dedication and support to the school over the years and we wish her all the best .

We are pleased to announce that Mr Philip Reynolds, parent of the school and finance governor is stepping up as our new Chair of Governors. We are also pleased to welcome Farah Rajan back on board as a parent governor, Mr Henry Day from Stelling Lodge Farm and Hester Fenwick as our new Co-opted Governors.

Our revamped governing body are looking forward to supporting the school from January with regular scrutiny and challenge to ensure that the school is the best it can possibly be.

## Carol Concert

Thank you to all who came and supported our KS2 Carol Concert! It was wonderful to see the progress too made by

children with their musical instruments since July— what an achievement! Thank you to Mrs Mason for supporting the children in showcasing their skills. Our Nativity was also a great success— well done to all involved!

A huge thank-you as well to our **PTA** who organised Teas, coffees and a marvellous raffle for after the concert. Thank you as well for their support with our annual Christmas Party and cake making/ decorating— it really does make an impact on what we can offer our children.



## PE

Next Term PE with Mrs Horton

will be gymnastics. She will be starting a gymnastics After School Club from Tuesday 7th January. Please email [simplydevine9@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:simplydevine9@hotmail.co.uk) for further information and to book a place.

## Young Farmers Club

Our partners at Stelling Lodge Farm are looking to start a Young Farmers Club after school on a Thursday. This is for children aged 10 years or over. Membership will be approximately £100 for the year. If there is enough interest, Henry may start a “younger” Farmers Club for children aged under 10. At this stage we are gathering interest so please Dojo Mrs Buss and specify whether you are interested in Young or younger Farmers Club. We will be in touch shortly after Christmas with an update and



to confirm timings etc

## Attendance

Thank you for your support and understanding that due to new government guidance we are no longer able to authorise ANY holiday requests. In our school we rate good attendance as being 95% or above.

Currently our whole school attendance is **94.1%** which is slightly under our target.

## Young Carers

Please do check to see if your child qualifies to be a young carer. Your child may help an adult care for a relative, or perhaps they have a sibling with additional needs. Children who are young carers may be entitled to a free bus pass when they go to secondary school.



All of the Stelling Minnis Team would like to thank you for the thoughtful gifts, cards and good wishes.

We hope you have a peaceful break and we look forward to seeing you all in January 2025!