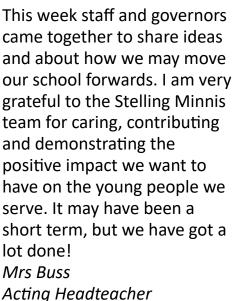
# **Stelling Minnis CE Primary School**



# Newsletter





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# Attendance

Our attendance for term Three is 94.85% which is a small improvement from last term. We would love to get to our target of 95% ! Please remember we are unable to authorise any holiday requests. We have noticed a trend of Monday and Friday absences. Please speak to us if you are worried about your child's absence.

23rd May	Last Day of Term
25th May	Stelling Minnis Fun Run (Local Event)
2nd June	Year 6 Transition Sessions start (6 weeks in school)
3rd June	New Starter Meeting 5pm
10th June	Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting 5pm
11th June	Class Photos
13th June	Stay & Play New Starters
20th June	Stay & Play New Starters
27th June	Stay & Play New Starters
30th June	Minnis Run– School Event
1st July	Sports Day (PM)
2nd July	District Sports (Selected Competitors)
9th July	Whole School Trip– Margate
14th July	Dress Rehearsal
15th July	KS2 Performance
16th July	KS2 Performance
16th July	After School Surprise!
19th July	AM: Leavers Service PM: Prize Giving Service End of Term

# **Pupil Voice**

Thank you to all of you who completed our recent parent survey. We had 30 responses in total!

In addition, in school we carried our pupil surveys in for every single child. The children were congratulated in their thoughtful, honest responses. We will take time to digest the feedback but will inform all stakeholders of our priorities for the year ahead next term.

### Staff Recruitment

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sophie Jessup will be teaching Badgers Class from September. She brings a wealth of experience and is looking forward to her new role. We will be arranging some time for Mrs Jessup to meet students as well as arranging a time for parents to meet her as well. As soon as we have some dates we will let you know.

We are still actively seeking a qualified Sendco and as soon as we have news we will share with our school community.

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# Christian Distinctiveness

We are very proud of our Church Community. Members from our local churches supported us in our Prayer & Reflection Week and our newly formed Shooting Stars met with local residents at Stelling Village Hall. We also held another fantastic Messy Church style event : pancake flipping and racing proved very popular!

We are keen to further work with the local community to continue to reflect the love and light of Jesus Christ.

# A message from our Governors...

<u>Your voice, our vision</u>

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another exciting term of improvement at our school. There have been obvious additions, such as the new playground equipment and staff room, but there is also a continuous programme of other enhancements being made "behind the scenes" by Mrs Buss and her team. Building on this progression, planning has already started for the 2025-2026 academic year and I'm excited to announce the Governing Board has recently approved extra funding to underpin our next transformational step. This increased investment will be rigorously managed to enable the school to broaden its teaching and learning offering, help our pupils achieve even higher academic standards, and present more opportunities for the children to gain social experiences.

We are on an improvement journey and want everyone to have a VOICE as we collectively set our ambition for next year and beyond. The leadership team has concluded now is the time to update our school VISION and create a new one by listening to the views of the parents, carers, staff, pupils, and governors. The new Vision will drive a new 3-year Strategy and further annual School Improvement Plans. This is not simply a "paper exercise" - it creates the agenda for the foreseeable future and sets our ambition for delivering an excellent

education. Results from the recent Parent and Pupil surveys will be used to help shape our Vision but if you have any further ideas then please feel free to email me phil.reynolds@stellingminnis.kent.sch.uk

Happy half-term to all.

Philip Reynolds Chair of Governors

# Farm School

This term, the children have been learning about the environment and the importance of developing areas for natural wildlife to develop. The children have also seen the results of recent sheep shearing as the sheep have had their coats removed. Year twos formed great human chains to help get the donkeys in from the field and put the sheep and alpacas into the field— not always an easy task!