

# Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



## Newsletter



Thursday 24th October 2024

What a busy term it has been! A lot has happened in the past eight weeks with our newest children settling wonderfully into Mice Class as well as our other new recruits quickly establishing themselves as part of our school community.

Farming Thursdays got off to a great start and it was wonderful that our new partners at Stelling Lodge Farm were able to come and meet some of you at our Open Afternoon.

Thank you to all in our community for your support as we continue to work together over the coming year to make Stelling Minnis the best it can possible be.

*Mrs Buss Acting Headteacher*

### School Improvements

The school site is looking clean and tidy. Thank you to Mr Harvey for your support in building and putting up our new welly rack. There is certainly less mud inside the school and the children can now all easily access their wellies! We recommend all children to have a pair of wellies in school now that we

### Key Dates Term 2

4th November	Pupils return to school
6th November	Flu Clinic in school Playground Consultation 5pm
8th November	School Disco
12th, 13th & 14th November	Parent Consultations
15th November	Children in Need: Fundraising: See Dojo
29th November	Christingle Service 2.30pm All Welcome
4th December	Panto in School for children
10th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Mice & Squ)
11th December	Nativity Performance to Parents 2pm
12th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
13th & 16th December	Christmas Cake Making & Decorating
18th December	School Christmas Party & Talent Show
19th December	Carol Concert
20th December	Christmas Service Upper Hardres Church– Parent Transport needed!

### Farming Thursdays: Provisional Dates

7th November	Year 6
14th November	Year 5
21st November	Year 4
28th November	Year 3
5th December	Year 2
12th December	Year 1
19th December	Year R

have plenty of storage. Look out too, for our new ukulele rack being put up over half term and we have just ordered some fancy new lights and a backdrop for our school productions!

### Parents' Evenings

These will take place the week commencing 11th November. Please look out for the days / dates your child's class teacher is available that week and how to book a spot via Dojo.

### PE Kit/ School Uniform: A reminder

The governors have set the policy for our uniform at Stelling Minnis and request that the children come to school looking smart.

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

### Reverse Advent Calendar

As part of the Christian Ethos of our school, we like to look at ways we can support those

in need. Please look out for more information about our reverse Advent Calendar which will begin after half term.

## Is someone different collecting your child?

If you have organised for another parent, family member or friend to collect your child at the end of the day, please make it known to the school before the end of the day. This also avoids any embarrassment at the gate!

## Attendance

Our attendance for term One is 95%. However we have a lot of children who are regularly missing at least a day of school each week.

## Absence Requests

We are in the process of updating our Attendance Policy which will need to reflect the new guidelines from the government. We can no longer authorise ANY holiday requests. We appreciate this is frustrating for many, however we can, on occasion, grant leave in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances and these must be clearly stated when requesting the absence.

## Parking

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. The beginning and end of the day can be particularly busy so thank you for your support in this. May we also ask that cars reverse park into the bays. Thank you.

## Stelling Minnis PTA

Thank you to the parents who supported our Grandparent's Tea. It was a well-attended event and the feedback was very positive! The PTA are selling tickets for the School Disco and have also put us in



with a chance of winning a grant from Tesco— please vote for us!

## Playground Consultation

As many of you know, developing the playground is a big project. The PTA and school community have worked hard to raise funds to improve the playground and we want to ensure that it is money well-spent, and that what goes into the

environment is there to enhance the children's learning and development. With that in mind, we will be hosting a parent consultation on Wednesday 6th November at 5pm to explore some options. We will be gathering the views of the children before this date too.

## School Council & Worship Leaders

Congratulations to the following children who are now representing their Class:

School Council: Freya, Olivia, Jenson, May, Freddie, Harriet & Flavius

Worship Leaders: Fenrir, Martha, Zac, Danny, Zakir, Monty and all of Year 6!

## Stay & Play

Following on from our successful Open Afternoon, we have decided to host a Stay & Play session for any Pre-Schooler looking for a place in September 2025. Wednesday 13th November 1.30– 3pm. Please spread the word and



### Making Shining Stars!

Come visit our beautiful village Primary School serving families in Folkestone, Ashford and Canterbury conveniently located off of Stone Street

#### Stay & Play!

Wednesday 13th November 1.30-3pm



Come and meet our wonderful Reception Class Teacher whilst your child explores our indoor & outdoor learning environment.

To book a place, contact us using one of the options below.



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