

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 26th January 2024

We are half-way through Term Three and the children are calm, settled and in established routines of school life. The weather has been a bit unkind but has not stopped us getting out and making good use of our outdoor learning spaces. Year Two children are enjoying Muddy Mondays and Year Three are making good progress in their swimming lessons at Sibton Park. We have been working hard to plan our upcoming Prayer & Reflection Week (See further details below). Our team are excited about our new Science Scheme and resources too.

Mrs Simmons: Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher

We are pleased to announce that Miss Baker is no longer acting in her role as Assistant Headteacher and has formally accepted the position as of 1st January 2024.

Facebook Page

If you have not yet given our new Facebook page a like and a follow– please do. We would be grateful for a share as well as we rely on these channels

Key Term Dates

5th– 9th February	Prayer & Reflection Week
6th February	Messy Church Activities 2PM All Welcome
9th February	Open Celebration Worship. 2.30pm All welcome.
9th February	PTA Cake Sale at 3.20pm End of Term
19th February	Start of Term Four
7th March	World Book Day Parents & Grandparents welcome to read a story See overleaf for details
11th– 15th March	Science Week. Details to follow
12th	Parent Consultations
13th	Parent Consultations
20th– 26th March	Book Fair in School
28th March	Easter Service in School 2.30pm End of Term
15th April	Start of Term Five

to advertise to all families, local and further afield who may be looking for a place for their child. Search for Stelling Minnis CE Primary School.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555421891412>

Class Newsletters

Our wonderful teachers have been busy updating the class pages of our school website. From next term, we will be uploading class newsletters to our website so they will be no longer available on Class Dojo.

www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk

We suggest bookmarking the website for ease of access.

Stelling Minnis PTA

The School PTA raised £420 at the Christmas Disco. It was a very successful event and the children had a great time. So far this year, the PTA have funded approximately £400 of Science Books to add to our Beehive space. These books will support the children's learning of Science as we have recently updated our Science Scheme in school.

The PTA have also paid for the update of equipment in the

school hall. You may have noticed our very fuzzy projector, positioned slightly off centre in the corner of the room! We are pleased to announce that this are being removed and a brand new laptop and high quality screen, funded by the PTA will be installed by the end of January. We look forward to our next school event to show it off!

The PTA have also agreed to fund some Yoga Workshops during our Prayer and Reflection Week.

Playground Update

We currently have £4000 in the pot to upgrade our new playground installation, but in order to get high quality and long-lasting equipment, we need to double this amount. We have asked the PTA to support us with this fundraising. If you would like to make a direct donation, or know of any companies who could support— please get in touch with the PTA. Our sponsors, Kier Group, will be installing the equipment for us.

Prayer & Reflection Week

5th– 9th February. This also coincides with Children's Mental Health Week. The children will be taking part in various activities throughout the week including Messy Church and Yoga workshops. We are being supported in this

event by various members of our Church community and we are looking forward to welcoming them into school to support our children in prayer and reflection.

You may have noticed on our Facebook Page that five of our team have recently become Mental Health Champions thanks to *With Grace*, a new charity supporting schools in identifying the mental health needs of young children.

We are inviting parents in on Tuesday February 6th at 2pm to join in with activities with their child. Refreshments will be available thanks to our PTA.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March the whole school will be working together to celebrate a love of reading. But we need your help! We will be creating an Amazon Wish list of books we would like to have at school. We would be delighted to welcome parents to come in and read to the children. Please let Miss Baker know if you would like to do this. We are going to formally open our Beehive on this day. Watch out for more information coming soon.

School Uniform

A reminder about our expectations from the School's Uniform Policy:

The Governors and Staff expect that children wear school uniform,

as listed below. • school branded green cardigan or sweatshirt • white shirt, polo shirt or blouse, or a green gingham dress in summer • dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers or black trousers • black shoes or sandals.

School Improvements

Over Christmas, volunteers from Kier Group came and painted our Reception area, staffroom and offices. They also installed new guttering and sealed the walls to prevent damp. They have more work planned for us and we are very grateful for their sponsorship and support in bring our school up to date!

You will have seen some of the amazing photos of our children kindly taken by Mrs Reynolds. She has ordered some canvases for the school to go in our newly decorated Reception space and we cannot wait to see them!

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th March. Please keep these dates in your diary and booking details will be released soon

Dates to follow...

We are in the process of planning our Mothers Day Tea and our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Competitions as well as an event for Safer Internet Day. As soon as we are ready we will publish this information on Class Dojo and the website.