

Stelling Minnis CE Primary School



Newsletter



Monday 3rd June 2024

It is hard to believe that we are in our final term of the academic year and our fingers are crossed that we get to enjoy some sunshine! Every day, the school is receiving enquiries from interested parents and that is testimony to our wonderful team, children and wider community. So thank you. Thank you for your support of the school and of your child's education. We are continuously reflecting on how we can do things better so your feedback is always appreciated.

Mrs Simmons
Headteacher

Messy Church

At the end of last term, we held our second successful Messy Church event! A huge thank you to all in our church and school community who supported teaching the children about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. We really do enjoy seeing the children embrace this event and this time round the children enjoyed making fire spinners, origami doves, a shared lego city, cupcakes and they also enjoyed playing a memory game! It has certainly become a favourite amongst our children (and staff!) and we look forward to more Messy Church events next year.

Key Term Dates

Friday 7th June	Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 10th– Friday 14th June	Hindleap Residential Badgers
Monday 24th June	KS2 Trip Kent Cricket– Look out for information coming soon
Thursday 27th June	Minnis Mile Fun Run
Friday 28th June	Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Wednesday 3rd July	District Sports
Monday 8th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July	KS2 Production
Friday 12th July	Reports out to Parents
Monday 15th July	Staff Vs Year 6 Rounders
Date TBC	Whole School Treat
Friday 19th July	Last Day of Term Open Worship 2.30pm All welcome



Uniform

Please ensure jumpers and cardigans are labelled. Please also ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit and not patterned leggings or joggers please. Our policy on our school website explains what the children can wear—thank you for your support in this.

Collecting at the end of the day...

At the end of the school day our teachers like to ensure that the children have been collected safely as we cannot possibly see all children to all parents at the same time. We appreciate that this may mean

a little wait and we thank you for your patience. We kindly ask that you do not encourage your child to exit the school gates before their teacher has dismissed them.

Goodbye Miss Baker...

...and welcome back Mrs Buss who got married in the Half Term Break!



Bossingham Pre-School Update...

We are pleased with the progress being made at the Pre-school and are delighted to announce that following a recent Ofsted visit, the Pre-School has been given a “good” judgement. We thank all involved in securing this judgement to be able to provide a good level of care to the youngest in our community. Read more about it [here!](#)

Warmer Weather

At last! Please can you ensure that on warmer days, your child has sun cream applied before coming to school. They may also wish to bring in a named sun hat. In addition we ask that your child has a water bottle in school.

A new Vicar

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that Reverend Louise was leaving us and that Reverend Dawn Stamper would be joining us. At the end of April, Mrs Simmons was honoured to attend the licensing of Reverend Dawn by Bishop Rose at Upper Hardres Church. During the last week of term, we welcomed Reverend Dawn to our collective worship and gave her a tour of our wonderful school.

Attendance

Attendance in schools can be a difficult subject with varying opinions. At Stelling Minnis, we acknowledge that there are many challenges to maintaining good attendance and we aim to work with you to help where we can. We are pleased that our current attendance figures are above national levels but we are always looking to improve.

% attendance in a school year	Days of absence in a school year	Weeks missed in a school year
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Almost 2 weeks
90%	19	Almost 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Almost 6 weeks

Regularly missing lessons can have a big impact on a child’s progress at school and it soon adds up.

Windmill Visit

Last term, Children in Squirrels and Badgers Class were fortunate to visit a local historic landmark– The Davison Windmill. We took a lovely stroll through the Minnis to get to the Mill where we were met by willing and helpful volunteers who were a wealth of knowledge. The children loved touring the Mill and the little museum on site. The Mill opens on various dates over the warmer months and offer cream teas too!

