



Newsletter

9th September 2022



Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome all our returning pupils back to school following the holidays as well as our brand new Dover class! We wish all of our new pupils and their families a very warm welcome!

The children are settling well into their new classes with their new teachers and have already embarked on exciting learning opportunities, including: a trip to Dover museum for Roman workshops, making replicas of blood as part of Science lessons, specialist yoga tuition, and so much more! There has certainly been a buzz of excitement around the school as children get stuck into their topics and set goals for the term and year ahead!

Remember, children, you can do anything you put your mind to!

Mrs Thompson, Headteacher

Eco Defenders' Reminder...

At Whinless Down Academy Trust, we do our bit to protect our planet! Last year, we embarked on our mission to abolish single-use plastics in our schools and made some great headway!

Please can we remind you not to bring single-use plastic bottles into school. We can provide you with a range of drinks in our dinner hall and a reusable plastic bottle for in class (or please feel free to bring your own in).

Thank you for supporting our pledge to be Eco friendly. Watch out for more on this...



St Martin's School Values:



We develop learners who are proactive, drive their own learning and aim high!



Children are taught to take responsibility for themselves and their impact on the world around them.



Happy children learn! We teach children to have a positive mind-set, as well as teaching ways to manage our well-being.



Children develop tolerance and understanding, valuing and celebrating diversity.



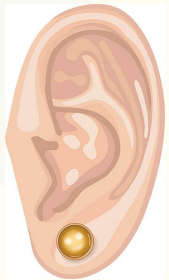
We understand how important it is that children are confident to take risks, learn from their mistakes and come back stronger!

**Learning to dream,
Learning to believe,
Able to succeed!**

Uniform:

A few reminders about uniform:

- Grey or black trousers, skirts or shorts can be worn. A red checked gingham dress or shorts may be worn in the summer.
- Skirts and dresses need to be of a length that is no shorter than just above the knee.
- Footwear: flat, black school shoes. Trainers of any form are not acceptable - no logos please.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- If ears are pierced, small, plain stud earrings should be worn—no hoops or large, angular earrings please.



PE:

Dover class: Thursdays

Deal class: Fridays

Dymchurch class: Mondays

Broadstairs class: Fridays

Walmer class: Mondays

Folkestone class: Thursdays

Margate class: Mondays



On occasion, PE days may change—we will endeavour to communicate with you when this is the case.

Earrings must be removed for PE for safety reasons. If your child cannot remove their earrings themselves for PE, please send them to school without earrings in on PE days. Your help with this is very much appreciated!



We do not hold lost property at school. For this reason, please ensure all belongings are name labelled so that we can ensure children come home with everything they bring in to school.

Thank you!

Secondary Open Days/ Evenings:

Some of the local secondary schools have been in touch to communicate upcoming open evenings for Year 6 parents/carers and children as follows:

Dover Grammar School for Boys: Tuesday 27th September 6-8:30pm,
Tuesday 11th October 9-11am, Wednesday 12th October 9-11am

Dover Christ Church Academy: (Y5 and 6) Thursday 15th September 5-7pm

St Edmund's Catholic School: Wednesday 28th September 5-7pm

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Please contact secondary schools directly for further details.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 20th September : Individual School Photos

Thursday 15th September: Year 3 Trip to the Warren

Wednesday 28th September: Year 5 trip to Betteshanger



Term Dates:

Term 1— Monday 5th September—Friday 21st October

Term 2— Monday 31st October—Friday 16th December

Term 3— Tuesday 3rd January—Friday 10th February

Term 4— Monday 20th February—Friday 31st March

Term 5— Monday 17th April—Friday 26th May

Term 6— Monday 5th June—Tuesday 18th July

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