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**DALLAM C P SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER**

**24th July 2025**

School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**

We: **Nurture…..Inspire……Achieve**

School value: **ambition**

Well, that’s it for another year! It has been absolutely fantastic to see the children running into school to spend time in their new classes this week – our new Cedar Class have been soooooo independent getting to their classrooms in the morning and our Year 7 children have had a great week practising some of the organisational and independence skills they will need for next year.

Yesterday, the weather was kind as they spent a lovely afternoon with friends and family on the field, enjoying a BBQ and rounders match with their teachers. The adult team won: the competition was fierce! Today they left the school to a guard of honour from their friends in upper KS2 complete with confetti and a balloon arch. We wish them the very best of luck as they embark on their high school journeys. They will be so missed by staff and children alike – they are leaving big shoes for our new Year 6 to fill!

We are also saying goodbye to a couple of staff members this week:

Mrs Snelson has decided to take very well-earned retirement after 33 years at Dallam Primary, during which she has supported many hundreds of children – including lots of our parents – and their families. She will be truly missed and I know that you will all join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Leatherbarrow is also leaving us to take up her dream job as a safeguarding lead practitioner for TCAT. She will still support school if needed, along with the other schools in the Trust, but will be based in the Development Centre at Bridgewater High School. This is a role that she is passionate about and I know that she will be amazing.

We hope to see all of our leavers, staff and children, again soon and hear about their new adventures – our doors are always open.

This is my opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all staff, children, parents and carers for the hard work, dedication, perseverance and care that I have seen once again over the past year. Our school is a really special place to be and every member of our community contributes to that – Thank You!

School re-opens for children after the holiday on **Thursday September 4th 2025**. I will be opening the gates at **8:40am** and Nursery will open their doors at **8:30am**.

Have a lovely summer everyone. Make sure that you find time to relax, spend time with loved ones, be outside and have fun.

Mrs Downey

**Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day**

Last week, 6 classes topped 96% attendance – well done to Ash, Olive, Hazel, Rowan, Maple and Oak Classes. 4 classes improved their attendance from last week – well done.

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| **Class** | **Attendance****Last week** |
| **Seedlings**  | **92** |
| **Acorns** | **79** |
| **Ash** | **96** |
| **Cedar** | **94** |
| **Holly** | **71** |
| **Hazel** | **99** |
| **Rowan** | **97** |
| **Maple** | **97** |
| **Sycamore** | **89** |
| **Willow** | **88** |
| **Olive** | **99** |
| **Oak** | **98** |
| **Cherry** | **86** |

We finished the school year with an attendance assembly where we celebrated those children with great attendance of 96% and above this year. We also celebrated children with the most improved attendance over the year and recognised the classes with the best attendance in each phase. Mrs Wood took our champions for a forest school session where they toasted marshmallows and made smoors – definitely worth coming to school for!

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If you need support with attendance, talk to us – we can work together to make small changes that have a positive impact.

**Bikes and Scooters**

Please make sure that all bikes and scooters are taken home for the end of term so that we can prepare our learning environments for the new academic year. Thank You.

**Social Media – Keeping our Children Safe**

As the summer holidays begin, please be mindful of what your children are accessing online. Primary school-aged children don’t meet the minimum age requirements set by the platforms and UK law so shouldn’t be using social media.

This includes:

* Facebook
* Instagram
* Snapchat
* TikTok
* YouTube (full access)
* WhatsApp
* X (formerly Twitter)
* Discord
* Reddit
* Twitch
* BeReal

If your child is accessing these platforms, they could be exposed to inappropriate content and risk.

**Keeping Children Safe Online**

Please make sure that you:

* Monitor your child’s device use.
* Use parental controls and child-friendly apps.
* Talk to your child about online safety and responsible digital behaviour.

If you need support or advice on how to manage your child’s online activity, please don’t hesitate to contact the school. There is also help and support on our website.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

**Eearly Years fundraising**

We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to our EYFS fundraising events across the term.

We were overwhelmed by your generosity, enthusiasm and dedication towards our different events.

We raised a total of £700.61 !! Thank you all so much. In the autumn term we will be using this money to buy new bikes, scooters and other outdoor equipment for our nursery and reception classes.

**Lead Learners this week:** a child who has made a great start in their new class during transition week.

**Seedlings:**All of Seedlings have transitioned to Acorns class amazingly! They are all enjoying exploring and playing in their new room! I am extremely proud!

**Acorns:** Teddie, for settling well in his new class.

**Ash**: Isaiah for playing lovely in the home corner.

**Cedar**: Lyla for a great start to Year 1.

**Rowan**: Jack has made an incredible effort to settle in. He has worked hard, right up to the end of term.

**Maple:** Lewis for settling well into his new class and learning his new routines.

**Sycamore:** Nicole, she has been kind, thoughtful and very sensible.

**Olive:** Summer for a fantastic start to year 5.

**Oak**: Daniel for making a fantastic start to year 6.

**Holly:** Junior for starting to follow the new routine.

**Cherry**: Logan for settling in amazingly with his friends in year 6 and making the most of every opportunity!

**Willow:** Merd for settling well into his new class with his new friends.