DALLAM C P SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Friday 18th September 2026

School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**
We: **Nurture…..Inspire……Achieve**

School value: **respect**

As usual, it's been a busy week in school: our youngest children have been getting used to daily routines in their new classes . Seedlings have stared the year ready to learn and are settling in well. They have had lots of fun exploring all the different areas of their classroom and have particularly enjoyed getting creative with paints and bingo dabbers.

Acorns have been enjoying singing lots of songs together to boost their communication and language skills. The children have been learning all about the different places around school like the bike track where they have had great fun develop their gross motor skills. It has been lovely watching all children make such great friends with one another through turn taking games, reading stories, and exploring the different areas of the classroom.

In KS2 classes, the children have been selecting their school councillors. Maple Class explored democracy and held elections for the position. Miss Parfrey was so impressed with the dedication shown by candidates who prepared their speeches at home, had the confidence to speak in front of the class and showed graciousness: whether they were accepting defeat or celebrating their success. It was a very close decision; the new school councillors for Maple Class are Sinead and Matilda.

Staff and children had an amazing time at Boreatton Park last weekend. From survival skills when the children built dens, selected tools that would be useful for them and used a flint and steel to start a fire with cotton wool to rifle shooting to facing the challenge of the exhilarating but terrifying giant swing, our children were absolutely amazing! Their have a go attitude, determination and support for each other were so lovely to see. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing team games and the campfire with marshmallows in the evening. They sang songs and danced and loved it so much, they continued singing them all the next day. Mrs Rich told me how much they all enjoyed the cooked breakfast each morning while Miss Crowe was truly impressed with the teamwork and resilience that the children showed during canoeing and abseiling. The weekend was filled with fun, laughter and screams of excitement; behaviour was exemplary and their confidence and independence shone through. Well done Year 5 and 6 – we are incredibly proud of you all.

In school we enjoy outdoor playtimes in all but the very worst weather, so please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day as autumn begins to take hold. Don't forget that we have some great, pre-loved coats in the school reception area that you are welcome to take for your children. If you have any warm coats that you child has grown out of, please consider donating them to extend their usefulness.

This not only is great for reducing landfill, but will also help our community in these challenging financial times.

If you enjoyed Josie's podcast last week, the next instalment can be found here:
Week 2: Breakfasts, Bouncy Castles & Colours! - School Holiday Radio - Podcast.co

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Downey

Attendance – In School – On Time – Every Day
So many classes have made a fantastic start to the new school year. An impressive 9 classes topped 96% last week – well done Seedlings, Ash, Cedar, Holly, Maple, Olive, Oak, Sycamore and Willow Classes. A further 2 classes were almost there with 95%. Come on Hazel and Rowan – let's try for 96% or above next week!

Class	Attendance Last week
Seedlings	96
Acorns	93
Ash	100
Cedar	97
Holly	99
Hazel	95
Rowan	95
Maple	99
Sycamore	99
Willow	97
Olive	98
Oak	99
Cherry	91

This is a great start to the year. Good attendance and punctuality will remain a school priority this year so that our children develop the habits to be successful throughout their lives and maximise their learning socially and academically.
If you need support with attendance, talk to us and we will work together to improve outcomes for our children.

Use of mobile phones and similar devices on TCAT academy premises
I have noticed quite a few parents using their phones on the school site at drop off and pick up times. Our academy is a mobile phone-free environment for pupils during the school day and adults do not use mobiles when children are present.

• Please keep your mobile phone on silent or vibrate while on academy premises.
• Please do not use your phone where pupils are present unless authorised by staff. This includes when dropping off or picking up your children.
• Please do not take photographs, videos or audio recordings of pupils, staff or academy activity unless this has been expressly permitted.
• If you need to use your phone, please ask reception or your staff contact where this can be done.
School accepts no responsibility for phones that are lost, damaged or stolen while you are on the site. A full copy of the TCAT Mobile Phone Policy and the academy appendix is available on our website or on request.

Free Breakfast club
Just a reminder we run a free breakfast club each day from 08:00. Breakfast clubs give children a soft start to the day, by providing breakfast and helping them feel ready to learn. They also support families by offering free and reliable childcare before the school day begins. Please speak to the office if you require a place.

Toast
Please note that toast payments are required by 09:30 on a Friday either in cash or directly into the bank, so the bread can be ordered for the following week.

Issues with the Arbor portal or App.
A few parents have reported issues logging into accounts since returning in September. We have explored this problem with the Arbor support team and they have explained that if you have children at different schools, this could be the issue. This their advice:

"If a parent has children at more than one school their experience of logging into the Parent Portal and Parent App will be a little different. If they use the same email address on their profile at both schools, **Please note: The parent won't be able to switch between students on the Parent Portal or Parent App if the students attend two different schools.** This is because each guardian at each school has a separate profile/account.
This means that if a parent has two students at different schools, they will have two separate accounts, and Arbor won't link these accounts, other than at the login stage on the Parent App or on the login.arbor.sc page. To view the information of each child at their respective schools, the guardian will need to log out of one account and into another."

Flu vaccinations
We will be arranging for the NHS to come into school and provide the winter flu vaccinations. Date to be confirmed, but keep an eye out on your emails as sign up and consent will be sent out electronically rather than paper.



Lead Learners this week: a child who has been shining out with their reading.

Acorns: Myla has loved exploring lots of different stories in our reading area this week. She has been sharing her stories with all of her friends and her teachers.

Seedlings: Harlee has been reading some of our favourite topic stories from last half term. He repeats sounds and phrases whilst looking at the pictures. Well done!

Ash (reception): Finley who is loving exploring new books.

Cedar – Year 1: Lareen has been doing some fantastic reading at home. She has also been a superstar with her phonics and has enjoyed applying her new sounds to her books.

Rowan – Year 2: Owen has made super progress with his reading and is showing great enthusiasm in his reading lessons.

Maple – Year 3: Rosie for super contributions in guided reading this week, especially when we were developing our vocabulary detective skills to work out the meaning of new words.

Olive – Year 5: Lewis for putting a huge amount of effort into his reading and trying different strategies for reading unfamiliar words.

Oak – Year 6: Isabelle S she is eager to read whenever she gets a moment. Get reading role model.

Holly: Charlie has been a wonderful role model in our reading area, encouraging others to enjoy books and stories alongside him.

Hazel: William who has shone whilst working independently in phonics.

Willow: Marija for excellent reading with fluency, well done!

Cherry: Lucas for enjoying finding new books he can read.

THIS WEEK'S PALS POINTS, READING CHAMPIONS AND MAD ABOUT MATHS AWARDS

PALS POINTS – Positive Attitude to Learning points:
100 PALS = Dallam YELLOW
200 PALS = Dallam GREEN
300 PALS = Dallam RED
400 PALS = Deputy Head's SILVER
500 PALS = Head Teacher's GOLD
600 PALS = Governor's 3 STAR

Reading Champions and Mad about Maths - For every 10 occasions your child reads or does maths at home it will be celebrated in our Monday assembly.
This week's awards go to:

	READING CHAMPIONS	MAD ABOUT MATHS	PALS Points
Rowan			100 PALS Borbala, Mia, Owen and Olivia.
Maple	David, Josie, Matilda, Daniel, Alexandra		
Olive	Hannah		
Oak	Aria, Zak, Isabelle, Sophia M, Darcy, Archie, Joe, Olivia, Ousemba, Sofia C, Paiveen, Emily, Izabella, Lennox, Hina, Sidar	Sophia M, Darcy, Archie, Joe, Olvia, Paiveen, Sofia C, Emily, Lennox, Hina, Sidar	