



Alehousewells School Newsletter 01

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Emergency Contact **Details Update**

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:
Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Tue 23 Aug – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Mon 29 Aug – P1 starts all day school from today, 9-3.15pm.

Tue 30 Aug - P 4, 5, 6 & 7 go to Techfest in Aberdeen
Wed 31 Aug – P7 Dalguise meeting, 6.30pm, P7 classroom.

Sat 3 Sept – Duck Race, 11-2pm, all welcome!

Wed 7 Sept – Parent Council AGM, 6.30pm, School Hall. All welcome. Please enter via the Blue Nursery door.

Wed 14 Sept – P1 parents in class, 2-3pm.

Wed 21 Sept – P1 parents in class, 2-3pm.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Summer Holidays. I hope that you all had a lovely summer break, even though the weather wasn't that great, and are suitably refreshed and raring to go for the new session. I would also like to extend a huge welcome to all of our new starts, whether in Nursery or P1, as well as Marissa Craig in P2, Jake Dunbar in P3 and Craig Beverley in P7. I hope you will enjoy being part of Alehousewells school.

Staff news

Mrs Angela Morrison was successful at interview for the post of full time Early Years Practitioner in the big nursery room at the end of last session. She has now moved through there from the Blue room, which leaves a vacancy to fill in there. I will let you know as soon as that has been filled.

Classes

All the classes are settling in with their new teachers. Here is a reminder of the classes and their teachers:

P1 - Mrs Bergin and Mrs McLaughlin

P2 - Mrs Gell and Mrs Adam

P3 – Miss Bremner

P4 –Mrs Brooks

P5 –Mr Swanson and Mrs Alexander

P6 - Mrs Denning

P7 - Mrs Fraser

Visiting Specialists

The children will work with visiting specialists throughout the year, the timetable changes termly.

German – Mrs Kaup (Mon), P.E. – Miss Armstrong (Mon), iPad music (for P3-7 only) – Mr Watt (Tue), ICT – Mr Wilson (Wed), PE – Mr Swanson (Thurs), Music – Mrs Alexander (Fri).

Labelling

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled. This should save any mix ups with shoes, jumpers, jackets and water bottles!

Nursery times

Just a reminder that Nursery times are 8.45-11.55am and 12.20-3.30pm, with a 10 minute flexible drop off and pick up time at the start and the end of each session. After this time, the door will be closed for security purposes and you will need to ring to enter. Please try and arrive within this period if at all possible. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Medication

Please remember that if your child requires any medication to be administered during school hours, that you must complete the relevant form, which can be obtained from the School Office. If your child has an inhaler in school that they administer themselves, there is also a form to be completed.

Wet break times

It would be helpful if your child had something in their tray that they could use during a wet break time. This could be a colouring in, sticker or puzzle book, not something electronic.

Duck Race

You will be aware from the recent slip that went home that the Duck Race is to happen on Saturday 3 September, from 11am – 2pm. This is great news and hopefully you will support this essential fund raising event in whatever way you can. Remember, any money raised benefits your children at this school in a variety of ways.

Mobile phones

If your child wishes to carry a mobile phone to school, we ask that they are switched off and either given to their class teacher or the Office for safe keeping at 9am. They should then collect it again at 3.15pm. We are not encouraging children to bring mobile phones, and they are the responsibility of the child before and after they are handed in to a member of staff, but are aware that some parents may prefer that their child have a phone if they are walking to and from home themselves. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Holidays / In-service Days Session 2016 – 17

October – 10th – 21st

Christmas – 22nd December – 4th January

Easter- 3rd – 17th April

Summer- 3rd July- 18 August

Other holidays: 10th, 13th Feb, 1st May, 5th June

In-service – 14th, 15th Nov, 14th, 15th Feb

Parent helpers

Before the summer, I mentioned that I would like to see as many parents as possible who would like to, being used more in the classrooms. If you are able to offer a wee bit of your time, whether this is to help during Excellence time, which will be Friday 2.10-3.10pm, or on school trips or in the classroom, please contact the school office. You would need to complete a PVG but the cost will be covered by Aberdeenshire council. Many thanks.

Passport to Excellence

As Excellence time is now on a Friday afternoon, your child will continue to bring home their Passport on a Friday. This must be signed by a parent/carer and the child and then returned to school on the **Monday**. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Arrival at school

Parents/carers are advised not to send children to school before 8.40 a.m. Pupils are not supervised in the playground at this time of day, although a member of staff will always be available twenty minutes before the bell to assist pupils if they require support. At Alehousewells, this is a member of Office staff, or in their absence, the Head teacher. Children will have access to toilets but not to the school unless the weather is severe. Parents are reminded that children who come to school earlier than this time remain the responsibility of the parents. During inclement weather, your child should arrive at school just in time for the start of the school day at 9.00am. On these occasions pupils will be admitted to the School and supervised by available staff. Children who go home for lunch should remain at home until 1:15p.m for Early Stages and 1:00p.m for Middle/Upper Stages especially on cold, wet days.

Thur 22 Sept – ‘Buddies’ Disco, for all P1-7 pupils. P1-3 6.30-7.30pm, **P4-77.35-8.50pm (note the change of times.)** Please enter via the Blue Nursery, (more information to follow).

Fri 23 Sept – Folder of work sent home (more information to follow).

Wed 28 Sept – Parent/teacher settling in interviews, 4pm onwards. More information to follow.

Tue 4 Oct – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Fri 7 Oct – Last day of term, dress as you please day.

Mon 24 Oct – First day of new term.

Medical Information Update

Pupil: _____

Class: _____

Medical Condition:

Newsletter Via E-mail

At Alehousewells Primary we like to save paper and the environment as much as possible. If you do not receive newsletters by e-mail at the moment, please provide us with an e-mail address so we can add you to our mailing list.

Child's name _____

Class _____

E-mail address

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly to avoid outbreaks within the school. Please inform the school if your child has head lice.

Safe parking

One of our neighbours from Kembhill Park has asked that parents refrain from parking in Kembhill Park right at the junction with Bremner Way. Parking on Bremner Way should be away from the junction. Also, parents should not park in residents' parking spaces, nor do U-turns in Kembhill Park. There is adequate safe parking in other streets, eg Waterside Court/Craigearn Park.

The school car park is for Staff only.

Cycles and scooters to school

We are happy for children to come to school on their bike or scooter. However, we must insist that all children come off their bike or scooter as soon as they reach the playground and walk to the cycle racks. Also, it is their responsibility to ensure their bike is locked securely for the day. We would expect children to be wearing a helmet and that parents are either accompanying them if they are younger or have given their permission for them to travel by themselves if older.

Snacks and Packed lunches

We are a Health promoting school and as such try to encourage all the children to bring something healthy for their snack. There will be no Healthy tuck-shop this term: it will begin again after the October holidays. Water is readily available from the water fountains and in the lunch hall. We are unable to ensure that packed lunches are kept chilled during the morning, so it might be worthwhile adding a small frozen pack to keep the contents fresh. We would ask that nuts, products containing nuts or nut products are not sent to school in case of allergy. Many thanks.

Achievements

We would like to continue to recognise our pupils for achievements earned out with school. If your child has done anything that you feel should get a mention, please let the office know so that we can include these in future Newsletters.

P.E Kit

Each class will be getting P.E. this year, which will be outside as much as possible. Please remember outdoor P.E. kits (Joggers, jumper, outdoor trainers), as well as your indoor P.E. kit.

Indoor PE Kit consists of – T shirt which tucks into shorts, standard length shorts, socks, gym shoes (preferably with Velcro or elastic fastening for younger pupils) all kept in a gym bag.

With regard to safety, the wearing of jewellery (which we actively discourage) is not permitted during PE lessons. If your child (boy or girl) has pierced ears, please ensure they can remove and replace earrings by themselves. Any child wearing earrings that cannot do this will be asked to put surgical tape over them for PE lessons. (Parents should provide a named roll of surgical tape for this purpose.) Shoe string strap tops are also discouraged for safety reasons as they can catch on gym apparatus.

The school requests that football team tops and designer garments are kept for home use.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Communication for parents

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

myaccount is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits of it.

As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councillors. So, if you want to be kept up-to-date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.

I'm sorry that this first newsletter has been so long but there were many items I wanted to share with you. I will continue to try and put out a newsletter every fortnight so this should keep them to a more manageable length!

Carol Hughes

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HEAD TEACHER

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You are invited to comment on the return pro-forma on any aspect of school whether as a comment/ suggestion, compliment or concern. These are responded to as and when necessary.

Comment/Suggestion, Compliment or Concern, August 16

My name _____

My child's name and class _____