



Alehousewells School Newsletter 01

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:
Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

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

Thursday 22 Sept – Buddies
school disco – 6.30-7.30 –
P1-3. 7.35-8.50 – P4-7.

Friday 23 Sept – Folder of
work sent home today.

Wednesday 28 Sept – Parent
teacher interviews, 4-8pm.
Further information to follow.

Tuesday 4 October –
Individual and family photos.
Parent Council meeting,
6.30pm, all welcome.

Friday 7 October – Last day of
term. Dress as you please
day.

Monday 24 Oct – Back to
school.

Thursday 27 Oct –
Hallowe'en disco, P1-3 –
6.30-7.30. P4-7 – 7.35-8.50

Monday 14 & Tuesday 15
Nov – In service days. School
closed to pupils.

Saturday 3 Dec – School
Xmas Fair, 10-12. More

Dear Parents/Carers,

House, Vice & Sports Captains

Please find below our new House, Vice and Sports Captains.

Bennachie	House Captain Vice-Captain Sports Captain	Kirsten Whyte Rebecca Henderson Dylan Carroll
Fraser	House Captain Vice-Captain Sports Captain	Caitlyn Johnstone Jack Morris Craig Beverley
Don	House Captain Vice-Captain Sports Captain	Aaron Jones Kelsey Cooper Andrew Morrison

Mrs Fraser and I were very impressed with the quality of the application forms and the interviews from the prospective captains. It was a difficult decision and everyone who put themselves forward shouldn't be disappointed, but should feel proud that they challenged themselves in this way.

Tesco School Uniform

There is a selection of school uniform available to purchase online using the link below. We have recently added some more items, as well as red, blue and green t-shirts, which are the three house colours, and could be used for P.E. and/or Sports Day.

For every purchase made, 5% will go to School funds.

Please note that uniforms will still be available from DFS in Inverurie.

<http://uniformeasy.com/>

Rag Bag

The Rag Bag container has now been emptied again. We would like to thank you for your continued support in raising extra funds for the School.

School Task Force (Pupil Council)

This year, the class representatives for the Task Force are as follows:

- P1 Morven Low
- P2 Katharine Thorburn
- P3 Payton Sangster
- P4 Ryan Kerr
- P5 Jessica Logie
- P6 Connor Johnstone
- P7 Kirsten Whyte

The Task Force meet with me regularly to discuss various aspects of school life and help make the school the best it can be.

Eco/Garden Club

We now have class reps for this newly formed group and they will change termly. The group currently meets on a Friday 11.45-12.15, and is run by Mrs Adam, P2 teacher, and Colin the Janitor. Any parental help at this time would be much appreciated.

information to follow in due course.

Friday 9 Dec – School trip to Panto at HMT, p.m.

Wednesday 14 Dec – P1-3 Nativity to parents a.m. P4-7 Christmas show to OAPs p.m.

Thursday 15 Dec – P1-3 Nativity to parents a.m. P4-7 Christmas show to parents, p.m. & evening.

Monday 19 Dec – P4 & 5 party p.m.

Tuesday 20 Dec – Dress as you please day, P1-3 party a.m. & P6-7 party p.m.

Wednesday 21 Dec – Last day of term, Church service, 10am & nursery party a.m.

Thursday 5 Jan 2017 – Back to school

Tuesday 17 Jan – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Thursday 9 Feb – PJ Disco – P1-3 6.30-7.30, P4-7 7.35-8.50

Friday 10 Feb – School closed for Mid-term break

Monday 13 Feb – School closed for mid-term break

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 Feb – In service days. School closed to pupils.

Friday 3 Mar – Parent Council Bingo & Beetle night

Friday 17 Mar – Folder of work sent home today.

Thursday 23 Mar – Parent's night, 4-8pm.

Thursday 30 Mar – Dress as you please day

Friday 31 Mar – Last day of term. Church service, 10am.

Tuesday 18 Apr – Back to school. P7 leave for Dalguise, 9.30am.

Friday 21 Apr – P7 return from Dalguise, 4.30pm.

Tuesday 25 Apr – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Monday 1 May – School closed for May Day.

Monday 22 May – Sports' Day

Monday 29 May – Sports' day reserve date.

Tuesday 30 May – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Monday 5 June – School closed for Local holiday.

Thursday 8 June – Shorts & shades disco – P1-3 6.30-7.30, P4-7 7.35-8.50.

Friday 9 June – Folder of work home today.

Lines before school

Could all parents step back out of the way of the class lines as soon as the bell rings at 9am, so that the children can stand independently until the teacher comes out please? This would be much appreciated. Teachers are sometimes finding it hard to see the whole class and walk down the line at the start of the day if parents are standing next to their child. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Restorative practise

This is an approach to dealing with challenging behaviour and conflict, which focuses on building and repairing relationships, rather than managing and controlling behaviour.

All Primary schools in the Kemnay cluster now have the Bounceback curricular resources, which aim to build resilience and develop relationships.

Five useful questions staff are beginning to use when dealing with a potential restorative conversation are:

- Tell me what happened?
- What were you thinking?
- How did you feel?
- Who else has been affected?
- What do you need?

The research shows that using a Restorative approach :

- Evidence of positive impact upon relationships and behaviour
- Evidence of development of essential life skills
- Evidence of calmer learning environments
- Evidence of young people making more good choices more often
- Promotes emotional well-being for all.

You will shortly get a leaflet about the Bounceback resources so that you can find out more about this approach that we are beginning to use in school.

Note re lost/damaged library book

It is fantastic that our revamped Library is now regularly being used every week by each class. Many thanks go to the parents who are in weekly to keep it looking lovely! Please be aware now that if your child loses their library book, or it is returned damaged and can no longer be used, we will be sending home a letter asking for a donation of £3 to cover the cost of replacing the book. This will not completely pay for a replacement book, but will be a token amount to go towards the cost. We hope you will understand, and encourage your children to look after the books, so that they are returned in the condition they were issued. Many thanks.

Duck Race

Many thanks to everyone who organised, helped at or attended the recent Duck Race. A healthy £750 was raised which will go towards paying for extras for your children here at Alehousewells.

Charity of the year

This year, our chosen charity of the year is the SSPCA. This was suggested by last year's Task Force. We raised a total of £777 last year for the Archie Foundation and Archie in Africa, which is an amazing amount. Well done everyone!

Reporting progress to parents and carers

Last year, we trialled a variety of approaches to reporting progress throughout the year. One part of this is the Home School folder, in which the children do all their written work for that week before it is sent home on the Friday for parents to look through and discuss with their child. The folder goes home three times a year, 23 September, 17 March and 9 June. We received very favourable feedback from parents about this approach so will continue with this again.

Dogs

It would be appreciated if dogs could be tied up outside school rather than being brought into the school grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Flu Vaccinations

Could I please remind parents/carers to return these forms to the School Office ASAP.

School Photographer

Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 4th October. As usual, we will be offering parents/carers the opportunity to have children photographed with their siblings. Please could you complete and return the attached form by Friday 16 September. Could we also ask if any parents would be able to assist on the day to ensure the smooth running? Many thanks.

Appointments With Teachers

May I remind parents/carers that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher, that you make an appointment by either popping into the office or calling. Whilst we try to accommodate parents as much as we can, it is not always possible for Teaching Staff to see you before the school day, and it is not possible for Teaching Staff to leave their classrooms whilst teaching. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking

Despite reminders, it appears that parents/carers continue to park unsafely around the school. You must not park on double yellow lines outside the school, nor opposite the junction at Kembhill Park. This is in order to keep your children safe whilst coming to and leaving the school. Please also note that the car park is for **staff parking** only. As I am sure you are aware, if you are taking your car to drop off and/or pick up, there is a large car park which is available for you to utilise at the back of the school.

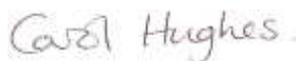
Bennachie Rangers

There are various activities going on in September. See our notice board or go online at: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service/

Dates for your diary

Please find a list of dates until the end of the session which you will hopefully find helpful.

Yours Sincerely,



Carol Hughes

HEAD TEACHER

Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 & Friday 23 June – P7 Link days at Kemnay Academy
Thursday 22 June – Meet your new teacher.
Thursday 29 June – Dress as you please day. Talent Show.
Friday 30 June – Last day of the session. Church service, 10am, all welcome.
Tuesday 20 Aug 2017 – P2-7 back to school.



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, September 16

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

Photograph Tear off Slip



Name of Pupil(s): _____

Class/Classes. _____

Individual photo of my child

Family group (brother/sister)

Both individual & family group

No Photograph Required

I can / cannot help on the day (Name) _____