



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 04

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## Alehousewells School

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**Emergency Contact**

**Details Update**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Diary Dates:**

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 (doors open 6.20). 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 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.

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in the last week of this first term. The weather has been very pleasant recently so here's hoping it stays as nice for the upcoming holidays.

### **Dress as you please day**

The last day of term, Friday 7 October, is a Dress as you please day, as a thank you to the pupils for looking so smart in school uniform the rest of the term.

### **Parents' evenings / Home/School Folder**

Staff felt that these appointments went well, with many parents really pleased with the progress their child is making and the opportunity to see how they are settling in. We were also really pleased with the comments we read on the feedback sheets inside the Home/school folders. Many parents had taken the time to write about how they enjoyed the chance to see their child's work, how surprised they were about the variety of work and that they had used the folder as an opportunity to sit down with their child and have a learning conversation about what their child had been doing. Of course, there were many activities that would not have been represented in the folders, like active learning and anything done orally, but all pupils should have managed to talk about their learning, using the sheets in their folder as a prompt, perhaps, if necessary. The folders will come home again in March, when you will be able to compare the work done and see the progress made.

### **Play Leaders**

Well done to all the P7s who were recently awarded with badges and certificates for completing the Aberdeenshire Active Schools Play Leader training. We are looking forward to the activities that they will organise for all children in the playground at lunchtimes.

### **School Mascot has a name!**

Our School mascot now has a name, Henry! This was the most popular name in our recent competition, and suits him down to the ground. Look out for him near the Office the next time you are in, sporting his stripy socks and scarf!

### **Silver Rotary School Garden Award**

Congratulations and well done to everyone at Alehousewells who has helped us to achieve Silver from the Rotary School Garden Award for improving our outdoor space.

With help and generous donations of plants, we have been able to improve the look of our outdoor planters, grow and eat vegetables and we have created an Eco/Garden group who meet every week to weed, pick up litter and look after everything outside. In the next year we hope to create a greenhouse from plastic bottles, plant a wild flower garden and hedgehog home and we hope to paint and improve the nursery garden.

We have plenty more to do before we achieve gold!

If anyone has any skills or time they could give to us to improve our outdoor space, then please get in touch with either Mrs Adam, P2 teacher, or Colin the Janitor.

### **Christmas Cards**

We hope you have enjoyed seeing your child's sample Christmas Card which they designed recently. We are really pleased with the quality and hope you are too. If you wish to order any cards, coasters, gift tags or mugs, please return your order and payment by Wednesday 26 October. The sample card is yours to keep. Many thanks.

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### Parent Council update

Many thanks to everyone who organised, helped or attended the recent Car Boot sale. £150 was made for Parent Council funds.

Following recent feedback, **the doors will open at 6.20 for the P1-3 Hallowe'en disco**, to allow the purchase of glow sticks to be done before the **disco starts at 6.30pm**.

### Staffing

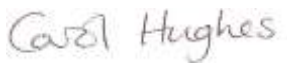
Mrs Nicola Craggs was successful at interview recently and will start in the Blue Nursery after the holidays as an Early Years Practitioner.

### Rotary Young Photographer of the Year

Are you a keen photographer? Our local Rotary Club is running a competition this year. Age groups: 7 – 10 years, 11 – 13 years and 14 – 17 years. Please return the attached tear off slip to school if you would like more information and an application form.

Finally, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Yours Sincerely,



Carol Hughes

### 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, October 16

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

My child's name and class \_\_\_\_\_

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Rotary Young Photographer of the Year

School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide me with an application form for the Young Photographer Competition.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.