



Alehousewells School Newsletter 05

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Diary Dates:

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

Saturday 3 Dec – School Xmas Fair, 10-12. More information to follow very soon!

Wed 7 Dec – School Christmas lunch

Friday 9 Dec – School trip to Panto at HMT, p.m. Final details to follow very soon!

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to this very busy term. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays, even though the weather was rather wet at times! I would also like to welcome Leah Diack in P1 and Katy Clarke in P5. I hope you will enjoy being part of Alehousewells school.

Tuck-tastic! Tuck shop

You should already have received a letter home this week giving you details about the Tuck shop being run by P4, which will start next Tuesday. Children can spend a maximum of £1 and buy a maximum of three items. This is a great opportunity for P4 to learn about handling customers, taking orders and dealing with money and change, which are all important skills for the future. Thank you to Mrs Brooks for organising this.

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mrs Nicola Craggs is no longer able to start in the Blue Nursery but we are delighted that Mrs Carolyn Crews, who has been working since the summer on a relief basis, will now become a permanent member of staff. She now completes the Nursery team.

Hallowe'en Disco

This spooktacular disco was held on Thursday 27 October. What a huge effort had gone into the costumes and make up this year! It was very difficult to decide on the winners, but the prizes went to:

P1-3 – Karla Hunter & Jayden Shek

P4-7 – Mackie Morrison & George Williamson

Many thanks to the parents and school staff who helped with the Disco, and to the DJs, Aaron Jones, Niamh Gill, Caitlyn Johnstone & Ethan Webster who did a great job too.



Jackets to School

As the weather is turning much colder, it is expected that ALL pupils come to school each day with a jacket and suitable footwear. Your co-operation is appreciated.



Inclement weather

If the weather is particularly wet, snowy or stormy, we will let children into school from 8.55 onwards. They will be asked to go to their cloakroom or pegs, hang up their jacket, change their shoes and wait there for their teacher to collect them once the bell rings at 9am. We would appreciate your co-operation in keeping children at home until the last minute when the weather is inclement. This also applies to home lunch children, who should not return until 1pm or 1.10pm, depending on when their lunch is. Many thanks.

In Service closures

Just a reminder that the school will be closed for two In Service Days on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November.

Rotary boxes

Many thanks to everyone who has asked for Rotary boxes to fill. We have had a great response but still have some left if anyone else requires one. Please contact the school office. The date for returning them is by **11 November** please.

Reminders

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please advise the School Office as soon as possible. We have an Answering machine so calls can be made at any time and a message left.
- If your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they **MUST** remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode.
- The best prevention for head lice is to check your child's head weekly. If you need further advice, the Health Visitor, School Nurse or Pharmacist would be happy to discuss this with you. If registered for the Minor Ailments service at the Pharmacy, treatments are provided free of charge.
- All children must wear indoor shoes within the building, as this helps to maintain the fabric of the school.
- All children must have a PE kit every day, brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.
- Children are encouraged to drink plain water only during the school day. Juice/flavoured water is reserved for break times. Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. As a health promoting school, we encourage healthy options.

Christmas cards, tags, coasters and mugs

We have had a huge response to this activity with some super feedback from parents. The order is now away and should hopefully be back next week. We hope you will be pleased with the quality when they arrive. We are very grateful for your orders as we made £407.24 for school funds. Many thanks.

Photo orders

Thank you for returning your photo orders on time. They are now with Tempest so should be back in time for giving out at Christmas.

Children in Need, Friday 18 November

This year, we are taking part in Children in Need by asking everyone to wear something spotty, if possible. If not, it is acceptable to wear something other than uniform. Either way, we would hope that as many children and staff as possible can pay a donation of £1-£2 for Children in Need. Many thanks.

Remembrance Day

P7 are meeting P7 from Kemnay Primary at the War memorial on Friday 11 November at 10.55. This is to mark the solemn occasion with Rev Joshua Mickelson, Kemnay Parish Church Minister. All other pupils will observe a minute's silence at 11am to remember those who gave their lives in past wars and conflicts. We have already had a school Assembly on Remembrance.

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.

Achievements

We love to hear about our pupils' achievements out with school and encourage the children to take in their awards, medals or trophies to share with the class. They will also earn a House point, get their photo taken for our new House achievements boards in the Hall as well as get a mention in the Newsletter. Please keep letting us know so that we can share the good news with the rest of the school community.

Morgan Finlayson, P5, was chosen as Branch winner for his photograph in the Libraries Summer Reading Challenge competition to get a photograph of children reading a book in an unusual or favourite place. The presentations were made at Ellon Academy to children from all over Aberdeenshire by local author Deborah Leslie and Director of Education and Children's Services, Maria Walker. After each branch presentation was given, the prizes were awarded to the overall winner and 2 runners up. Morgan was chosen as one of the runners up and he won a stack of books (all signed by the authors). We are extremely proud of him. Very well done to Morgan! Below you can see his winning photo as well as one of him receiving his prize.



Brian Burness, P6, also won a prize in the Summer Reading Challenge. Brian had read a lot of books during the summer and was presented with his award at our Assembly this week. Well done Brian!

Madison Coull, P4, came third out of seventy to earn a Bronze medal for Vault at a Gymnastics competition recently in Perth. Well done Madison!

Medication policy

All schools in Aberdeenshire now have a new policy on Managing medicines. It states:

- Short term medication should only be taken to school when absolutely essential, is prescribed and has been agreed with the Head teacher. Where possible, parents of children requiring antibiotics should take into consideration dosage arrangements, which will allow the antibiotic to be taken before and after school. Parents should be encouraged to ask the prescribing doctor about this.
- As far as non-prescription medication is concerned, if a pupil suffers from regular pain, such as migraine, the parent/carer should authorise and supply appropriate pain killers for their child's use with written instructions about when the child should take the medication.
- It is also important that schools have sufficient information about long term health care needs. This will enable schools to support the pupil.
- Parents/carers should make suitable arrangements for the delivery and disposal of medications.

- Medication should be clearly labelled with the name of the pupil, the name and dose of the drug and the frequency of administration. It should be in the original packaging.
- Medicines kept for longer term use should be collected termly by parents/carers for checking/replacement. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that the school is supplied with in date medication.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If in any doubt, just ask at the Office.

Eco/Gardening group

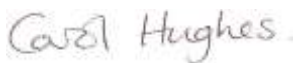
Over the next few months, the Eco Group will be doing different activities to raise funds to improve our outdoor environment. We would like to put in an outside classroom, paint the wooden items outside the nursery and make a wildflower garden to encourage birds and animals amongst other things.

We would be really grateful for any support you could give us.

Thank you.

Mrs Adam, P2 teacher, Colin the Janitor and the Eco group.

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, November 16

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

