



Alehousewells School Newsletter 07

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Childs Name:

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Diary Dates:

Wed 7 Dec – School Christmas lunch

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

Wednesday 14 Dec – P1-3 Nativity to parents 9.45a.m, doors open 9.30am. P4-7 Christmas show to OAPs 1.45p.m, doors open 1.30pm.

Thursday 15 Dec – P1-3 Nativity to parents 9.45a.m, doors open 9.30am. P4-7 Christmas show to parents, 1.45p.m, doors open 1.30pm, & 6.30pm, doors open 6.15pm.

Friday 16 Dec – **Christmas jumper/accessory day**

Monday 19 Dec – P4 & 5 party p.m.

Tuesday 20 Dec –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 to Sindija Rakovska who joined P4 last week. I hope you will settle into life at Alehousewells school very quickly and enjoy being part of our school.

P5-7 First Aid training

P 5-7 have just completed their annual First Aid training which the Parent Council have funded for us again. Well done children! You have learned some important skills for your future.

Dress as you please now Christmas Jumper/accessory day

We have decided to change our Dress as you please day from Tuesday 20 December to Friday 16 December, and to make it a Christmas jumper/accessory day, with an optional donation of £1 for our Charity of the year, the SSPCA. I hope this doesn't cause any inconvenience or disruption.

Adverse weather arrangements

It is coming to the time of year when we need to prepare for adverse weather and the possibility that the school may have to close. If this decision is made, you will be able to find this information by phoning the School Information Line (0870 054 4999, Pin number 021180. This information is always at the top of every newsletter.) You can also log into Aberdeenshire's website for a list of all schools that are closed, and can register to get email alerts for Alehousewells, which is very handy. Local radio stations also mention school closures. The decision to close the school will be made as early as possible, if possible, before 7am. Last week, you should have received a Snow pack which has a list of suggested activities that your child could work on in the event that the school is closed unexpectedly. Please keep this safe as we will not be issuing it again this winter. If we have to close the school during the day due to bad weather, we will send out a text to this effect as well as putting the information on the phone line and the website. Please keep us informed if your emergency contact details change. Many thanks.

P7 Technology event

Very well done to everyone in P7 who attended the recent P7 Technology event with the other Kemnay Cluster schools. They represented themselves, their families and their school impeccably well and we received several compliments about how well the pupils behaved.

Pupil achievements

Well done to Brian Burness, P6, who won a Bronze medal and Liam Strachan who won a Gold medal at a recent Judo competition.

Staffing –P6

Mrs Denning has decided to take early retirement and leave Alehousewells at the end of this term. We are really sad to see her go but thank her for all the hard work, dedication and commitment she has given to the pupils and families here at Alehousewells in the 7 years she has worked here.

Mrs Shortland will teach P6 Monday-Tuesday and we welcome Mrs Pamela Skinner who will teach Wednesday – Friday in P6, and this arrangement will continue until Mrs More returns from Maternity leave around May.

Early lunches next week.

We will have an early lunch next **Wednesday and Thursday**, at **11.45 – 12.40 for P4-7 and 12.00-12.55 for P1-3**. This is to allow enough time for the Hall to be set up for our shows.

School Shows

The children are all busy rehearsing for the forthcoming shows next week. We still have a few tickets left for the Thursday afternoon performance of the P4-7 Concert as well as for the OAPs performance on the Wednesday afternoon. All families have now been issued with their tickets for the Whoops – a – Daisy Angel Nativity.

As you are aware, we are reporting the progress of your child in a different way now, regularly throughout the year, rather than in an end of year written report. What you will see when you come in to one of our shows is the culmination of a lot of learning in many areas of the curriculum, including Expressive Arts, Religious and Moral Education, Literacy and Language. The shows are an opportunity for us to showcase the learning across the curriculum. We hope you sit back, relax and enjoy the children's hard work!

School Christmas Fair

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the Christmas Fair. It was really busy with a lovely atmosphere. Thanks also to everyone who donated items or helped on the day. We couldn't have had such a successful event without parents, staff and pupils' help and contributions. We raised a magnificent **£2372** for School funds which is a fantastic amount. (We still have some Reindeer dust for sale at 50p, available in the School office, if you wish to buy some.)

Bell boxes winners

1 st	Pawel Motyl	£100
2 nd	Mary Thomson	£50
3 rd	Alex Burness	£25

Hamper winners

1 st	Elayne Storey
2 nd	Paula Shewan
3 rd	Craig Beverley

Guess the Reindeer's birthday - Adam Paterson, who was closest to the 3 February.

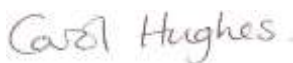
Church Service

Our end of term service will be at Kemnay Church on the last day of term, Wednesday 21 December at 10am. We will be leaving to walk up at 9.30am if any parents wish to accompany us. Please let the Office know and we can allocate you to a class. All children should be in school uniform. There will be a collection for our Charity of the Year, the SSPCA.

Panto

We expect to be back around 5.15/5.30pm, but will send out a text if the return time is anticipated to be very different from this.

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, December 16

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

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 - Parents' 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.

