



Alehousewells School Newsletter 9

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name:

Class: _____

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Name: _____

Number: _____

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Diary Dates:

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, more information to follow.

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. More information to follow.

Friday 17 Mar – Folder of work sent home today.

Thursday 23 Mar – Parents' night, 4-8pm. More information to follow.

Friday 24 March – Comic Relief, more information to follow.

Thursday 30 Mar – Dress as you please day.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

I hope you all had a peaceful and restful festive period. The children have come back with positive attitudes and a determination to achieve better than their best, which is excellent and something we are keen to encourage.

Nursery and P1 enrolment dates

P1 enrolment is this week. Please come into the school office as soon as possible with your child's birth certificate if your child is eligible to start P1 in August.

Nursery enrolment is the two week period from Monday 23 January – Friday 3 February. Please come into the school Office if you think your child may be eligible to start Nursery next session. If unsure, just ask and we will help, as it can be confusing knowing when your child can start. We need to see your child's birth certificate and proof of your address as well.

M and M Cup

Over the next 3 weeks, all the children will be busy learning a Scottish poem. The poetry chosen is used to make children more aware of the richness of language generally, to encourage a wider variety of language in the classroom, to help children value the Scots they may use at home, with their peers, and in the community generally, and to extend its range.

Opportunities to read and use Scots language can help develop enthusiasm and motivation for learning, openness to new ideas, self-respect and respect for others; all attributes linked to the four capacities in a Curriculum for Excellence which are Successful learners, Confident individuals, Responsible citizens and Effective contributors.

Working with Scots should be seen as an opportunity not only to learn about language, but to play with language. Using Scots can be a learning opportunity for everybody in the class.

We are looking forward to hearing a selection of children from each class. We will decide who wins the M and M cup on Tuesday 31 January. Look out for the results in the next newsletter.

Tuck-tastic! Tuck shop

Just a reminder that the Tuck shop being run by P4, will continue on Tuesdays this term. Children can spend a maximum of £1 and buy a maximum of three items. This is a great opportunity for P4 to learn about dealing with customers, taking orders and handling money and change, which are all important skills for the future. Thank you to Mrs Brooks for organising this.

Loom bands for sale, proceeds going to SSPCA

Rebecca Henderson in P7 has decided that she would like to make (along with her sister Kayleigh) and sell Loom bands in order to raise some money for our Charity of the year, the **SSPCA**. She will sell them every **Thursday playtime in the P7 area**, and they cost **50p, £1 and £1.50**. Well done to Rebecca for thinking of others in this way.

Standards and Quality Report

Copies of the 11 page school's Standards and Quality report for last session are available on request from the school office, either by email or as a paper copy. This is a statutory document which all schools must produce at this time of year. I have summarised below the priorities that we are working on this session for your information.

1. Use of data to improve outcomes for learners

- Design a new tracking system so that staff can predict and track pupils attainment effectively
- Staff sessions on the interpretation of data and on using self-evaluation
- Use of progression frameworks and benchmarking to moderate practice
- Use of data and tracking meetings to ensure resources are deployed effectively to meet needs
- Use a system to track pupils' wider achievements

2. An effective curriculum

- Develop visible learning and a growth mindset
- Further develop our use of Bounceback resources and Restorative practice
- A clear Curriculum rationale and design for the school, finished, shared and implemented
- A robust self-evaluation and improvement calendar, created, shared and implemented
- Bundling of experiences and outcomes that occur every session

3. Nursery

- Refine Learning journey
- Revise planner/skills tracker to link with the wellbeing indicators
- Improve on observations/evaluations, linking to next steps.

Yours Sincerely,

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, January 17

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

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.