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|  | **Alehousewells School****Newsletter 02**September 2017 |  |

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| **Alehousewells School** Bremner WayKemnayAB51 5FW**Tel: 01467 536910****Emergency Phone line 0870 054 4999, Pin no. 021180**alehousewells.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.ukHead Teacher: Mrs Carol Hughes**Emergency Contact Details Update**Childs Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Class:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Emergency Contact:Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Diary Dates:**Wed 13 Sept – Parent Council AGM, 6.30pm, School Hall. All welcome. **Please enter via the Blue Nursery door.**Wed 13 Sept – P1 parents in class, 1.30-3pm.Wed 20 Sept – P1 parents in class, 1.30-3pm.Thur 21 Sept – ‘Buddies’ Disco, for all P1-7 pupils. P1-3 6.30-7.30pm, P4-7.35-8.50pm. Please entervia the Blue Nursery.Mon 2 Oct – Folder of work sent home.Tue 3 Oct – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.Wed 4 Oct – Parent information session on Internet Safety at **Kemnay Academy, 6.30-8pm.** More information to follow.Tue 10 Oct – Photographer here for individual and family photos, more information to follow.Wed 11 Oct – Parent/teacher settling in interviews, 4pm onwards. More information to followFri 13 Oct – Last day of term, dress as you please day.Mon 30 Oct – First day of new term.Thur 2 Nov – Hallowe’en Disco, times as above.Mon 13 Nov & Tue 14 Nov – In Service days, so school closed to pupils.Sat 2 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10am-12 noon.Fri 8 Dec – M and M productions here to present Pinocchio to P1-7.Tue 12 Dec – P4-7 Christmas show to OAPs, pm.Wed 13 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.30. P4-7 Christmas show, pm & evening.Thur 14 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.30.Wed 20 Dec – P4/5 party, pm.Thur 21 Dec – Dress as you please day, P6/7 party am & P1-3 pm.Fri 22 Dec – Last day of term & Nursery party am.Mon 8 Jan – Back to school. | **Dear Parents/Carers,****House, Vice & Sports Captains**Please find below our new House, Vice and Sports Captains.**Bennachie** House Captain Zach Black  Vice-Captain Hayden Webster  Sports Captain Shaun Fettig **Fraser** House Captain Reese Beattie  Vice-Captain Lauren Lamont  Sports Captain Connor Johnstone **Don** House Captain Emilie Gray  Vice-Captain Frannie San Juan  Sports Captain Lucy Wydmuch 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 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.tesco.com/ues**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 Ruaraidh UrquhartP2 Lily-Kate LaingP3 Ramsay McGeeP4 Jayden ShekP5 Sindija Rakovska P6 Tia WilkieP7 Hayden WebsterThe Task Force meet with me regularly to discuss various aspects of school life and help make the school the best it can be.**Eco Committee**We now have class reps for this newly formed group and they will change termly. The group currently meets on a Thursday 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.**Digital Leaders**We also have Digital leaders from most classes who will support the use and storage of Technology in school and in their class. At present, they are working with Mr Colin Wilson, our ICT Specialist once a week.P2 Ellie MitchellP3 Ashton Hurrell & Katie TorranceP4 Calum Wood & Kaelan HurrellP5 Tyler Mackie & Madison CoullP6 Euan Connor & Cailaen MacKinnonP7 Ewan Stuart & Jay Creevy**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. Also, please refrain from grabbing other children as this can cause unnecessary upset. Many thanks for your co-operation.**Restorative practise**This is an approach to dealing with challenging behaviour and conflict, whichfocuses 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 £600 was raised which will go towards paying for extras for your children here at Alehousewells. The winners were:1st Vicky Mackie2nd Linda Donald**3rd** Billy Flynn |

**Spree Books**

Many thanks to everyone who has bought a Spree book so far. For every book sold, we will get £4 for School funds. Please either return the book or the payment to the school office by 19 September.

**Charity of the year**

We have yet to decide our Charity for this year, so if you have a suggestion, please complete the slip at the end and pop it into the school Office for us to consider.

**Reporting progress to parents and carers**

Last year, we used a variety of approaches to report 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 following Monday for parents to look through and discuss with their child. The folder goes home three times a year, 25 September, 12 March and 4 June. We received very favourable feedback from parents about this approach so will continue with this again.

**Fraser house visits Castle Fraser**

Last Friday, the children from P2-P7 from Fraser House (who won the House shield last session) were invited to Castle Fraser to plant 40 bulbs, in order to help them celebrate being open to the public for 40 years. It was a lovely afternoon, despite the rain, and in the Springtime, the children will be able to go back and see their red and white flowers in their full glory.

**Eco committee receive cheque for £200 from Asda**

Recently, the Eco committee were presented with a cheque for £200 from Asda, Dyce following their green token campaign. This is a great achievement and the children are still deciding what to spend the money on, but want to use it to make our playground and outside spaces even better. Thank you if you put your green token in the Alehousewells container when shopping at Asda, Dyce!



**Vandalism**

We were disappointed to come back from our summer holidays to find some graffiti on our lovely new outdoor play equipment. This has been cleaned off and reported to the Police. We have also found several lighters recently on the grass, luckily no one has been hurt, but please help us to keep our outside area safe and pleasant for the children to play in.

**Lateness**

If your child has to come in via the front door in the morning as the back door has been closed, we class this as them being late and they will be marked as such. Please ask your child to check in with the Office if they come in the front door so that they can be marked as late but here, to avoid any mix up during registration. We expect all children to be in the line when the bell rings, ready for their teacher to greet them when they come out to take in the lines. Persistent lateness will result in your child missing out on vital parts of the school day.

**40th Birthday Word search**

To continue our 40th birthday celebrations, we are selling word searches from the school office at £1 each. All you have to do is find 40 staff surnames to be in with a chance of winning £40! There is also a second prize of a bottle of Prosecco and a Mystery third prize. To request a word search, please complete the slip at the end and return it with your £1. The closing date is 30 October and the three prize winners will be drawn at random on 3 November. Good luck!

**Threadworms**

Treating threadworms

**To treat threadworms successfully, all household members must be treated, even if they don't have any symptoms. This is because the risk of the infection spreading is very high.**

The aim of treatment is to get rid of the threadworms and prevent reinfection. This will usually involve a combination of medication to kill the worms and strict hygiene measures to stop the spread of the eggs.

**Aberdeenshire’s Zero tolerance policy**

Please treat all staff with respect. We will not for any reason tolerate

staff being shouted at, threatened or intimidated. Action will be taken to stop or prevent unacceptable behaviour. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

**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 before 19 September.

**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.

**School Contact Number**

For anyone who has missed this information in previous newsletters or text messages, please note the new School phone number is **01467 536910**.

**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**

**Alehousewells Term Dates 2017 / 2018**

**August 2017**

Mon 21st – In-service

Term begins: Tuesday 22nd

**October**

Mon 16th to Friday 27th – Mid Term

**November**

Mon 13th – In-service

Tues 14th – In-service

**December**

Mon 25th – Friday 5th Jan - Christmas

**January**

Term begins: Friday 5th

**February**

Fri 9th – Occasional day

Mon 12th – Mid term

Tues 13th – In-service

Wed 14th – In-service

**March**

Friday 30th – Friday 13th April

**April**

Mon 16th – term begins

**May**

Mon 7th – May Day

**June**

Mon 4th – Occasional day

**July**

Mon 9th – Summer holidays start

**Back to school Tuesday 21st August 2018**

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 17

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

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**40th Birthday Word search**

I would like \_\_\_ Word search(es).

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(£1 per wordsearch)

Child’s name & class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_