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|  | **Alehousewells School**  **Newsletter 04**  November 2017 |  |

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| **Alehousewells School**  Bremner Way  Kemnay  AB51 5FW  Tel: **01467 536910**  **Emergency Phone line 0870 054 4999, Pin no. 021180**  [alehousewells.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:alehousewells.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  Head Teacher:  Mrs Carol Hughes  **Emergency Contact Details Update**  Childs Name:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Class:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Emergency Contact:  Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Diary Dates:**  Mon 13 Nov & Tue 14 Nov – In Service days, so school closed to pupils.  Fri 17 Nov – Next £50 payment for Dalguise due by today.  Fri 17 Nov - Children in Need. Dress spotty, or brown or yellow or in your PJs or a Onesie and Pay £1.  Tue 21 Nov – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm. All welcome.  Sat 2 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10am-12 noon. More information to follow.  Fri 8 Dec – M and M productions here to present Pinocchio to P1-7.  Tue 12 Dec – P4-7 Christmas show to OAPs, pm. More info to follow.  Wed 13 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.30. P4-7 Christmas show, pm & evening. More info to follow.  Thur 14 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.30. More info to follow.  Fri 15 Dec – School Christmas lunch. More info to follow.  Wed 20 Dec – P4/5 party, pm.  Thur 21 Dec – Dress as you please day, P6/7 party am & P1-3 party pm.  Fri 22 Dec – Last day of term & Nursery party am. End of term service at Kemnay Parish church, 10am  Mon 8 Jan – Back to school.  **Medical Information Update**  Pupil:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Class:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Medical Condition:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Newsletter Via E-mail**  At Alehousewells Primary we like to save paper and the environment as much as possible. If you do not receive newsletters by e-mail at the moment, please provide us with an e-mail address so we can add you to our mailing list.  Child’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  E-mail address | **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 like to welcome Connor Bennett who joined P3 recently. I hope you will enjoy being part of Alehousewells school.  **Staffing**  We are delighted to welcome back two student teachers, Mr Esson and Mrs McDonald-Zottel, in P7 and P5 respectively.  Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Adam who leaves us for a full-time post in Aberdeen on 24 November. I thank her for her hard work and dedication to the children and families here at Alehousewells, and particularly for her work she has done with the Eco group and the school grounds. We wish her well on the next step of her career, though. I will keep the P2 parents updated once I have the replacement teacher’s details as the advert is currently live.  **Charity of the year**  This year, our chosen charity of the year is Cash for Kids. This had the most votes after staff and pupils were asked to choose from a shortlist of 7 (Childline, Red Cross, British Heart Foundation, Ronald McDonald, CLAN, RSPB and Cash for Kids). We raised a total of £594.18 last year for the SSPCA, which is an amazing amount. Well done everyone!  **Christmas Cards**  We hope you have enjoyed seeing your child’s sample Christmas Card which they designed recently. We are again 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 **Thursday 9th November**. The sample card is yours to keep. Many thanks.  **Tesco Bags of help – please vote for us!**  We are delighted that we are one of three organisations in the Tesco Bags of help scheme in Inverurie. To vote, you will need to make a purchase within the Inverurie store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. Please tell all your family and friends to vote for us as we could end up with between £1000- £4000 for playground improvements. Many thanks to Mrs Adam and the Eco Group for putting us forward for this award!  **Harvest festival food donations**  Many thanks to everyone who contributed in some way to the recent Harvest festival food donation. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and staff and, combined with the donations from Kemnay primary, handed in 125.74 kg of food to the Inverurie Foodbank.  **Tuck-tastic! Tuck shop**  Tuck shop continues to be run by P5 every Tuesday. Children can spend a maximum of £1 and buy a maximum of three items. This is a great opportunity for P5 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.  **Hallowe’en Disco**  http://holidays.mrdonn.org/banner_halloween.gifThis spooktacular disco was held on Thursday 2 November. 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 – Connor Jacques P2 & Freya Williams P2  P4-7 – Brandon Kerr P7 & Jessica Wardle P6  Many thanks to the parents and school staff who helped with the Disco, and to the DJs who did a great job too. They were Joseph Halgryn, Zach Black, Cerys Thomson & Euan Stuart.  **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 1.15pm, 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 13 and Tuesday 14 November.  **Children in Need, Friday 17 November**  This year, we are taking part in Children in Need by asking everyone to wear something spotty, or something yellow or brown or their PJs or a Onesie! 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 for Children in Need. Children in Need are also happy to accept any old round £1 coins if you still have any so please send them up to us and we will pass them on to Children in Need. Many thanks.  **Parent Council Questionnaire prize winner**  The winner of the prize draw held in the recent Parent Council questionnaire is Sarah Jackson (Liam P1). Please collect your prize money from the Office. Many thanks to everyone who completed and returned their questionnaires. The Parent Council will be looking at all suggestions.  **Photographs**  We hope you are pleased with the quality of the photos from Tempest this year. Please return your orders by **Thursday 9th November**.  It was disappointing that so many people did not return the slip detailing if they would like a photo, despite reminders by text to everyone, then to the 68 people who had still not replied by the day before the photographer was due. This is extremely time consuming for us and also means that you may not get the photos that you would like. We are very accommodating and allow both babies and Academy age children to join their siblings for family photos. I’m sure you can imagine that it is a logistical nightmare trying to organise everyone, so please help us in future by returning your requests in plenty time.  **40th birthday word search**  Thank you to everyone who bought one of our 40th birthday word searches last term. The winner, chosen at random from the correct entries, is Anne Allan, c/o Emily A Stewart, P5, winning £40. Second prize of a bottle of prosecco goes to Jay Creevy in P7 and the mystery third prize goes to Jillian Dressel, c/o Luke in P7. Please collect your prizes from the school office.  **P5-7 First aid training**  P 5-7 will be completing their annual First Aid training later this week, which the Parent Council have funded for us again. Well done children! You will learn some important skills for your future.  **Kemnay Bonfire Guys**  We were delighted to be asked to provide Mrs Fawkes to go on top of the Kemnay Bonfire, beside her husband, Guy, provided by Kemnay primary. Thank you to Mrs Brooks and the Excellence time group that created her. She looked lovely!  image1.jpeg  Carol Hughes      **HEAD TEACHER**  ***Alehousewells school aspires to be a safe and supportive learning community where everyone is respected and can realise their full potential within a friendly and caring environment.*** | |
| 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 17  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My child’s name and class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |  | |