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|  | **Alehousewells School**  **Newsletter 05**  End 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:**  Sat 2 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10am-12 noon. All welcome!  Fri 8 Dec – M and M productions here to present Pinocchio to P1-7.  Tue 12 Dec – P4-7 Christmas show to OAPs, 1.45pm.  Wed 13 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.45am. P4-7 Christmas show, 1.45pm & 6.30pm.  Thur 14 Dec – P1-3 Nativity, 9.45am.  Fri 15 Dec – School Christmas lunch. More info to follow. Christmas jumper/accessory day. **Please note change of date.**  Wed 20 Dec – P4/5 party, pm.  Thur 21 Dec –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,**  **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 during the year. Many thanks.  **Northsound’s Mission Christmas**  Thank you to everyone who has already donated gifts for the Mission Christmas appeal, 2017. We have a collection box at the Office and can accept new and unwrapped gifts for children aged 0-18 until Wednesday 13 December.  **Golden Ticket winners**  Following the recent colouring in competition, the three winners of the Golden tickets, providing free entry to the Scottish Kids show at the AECC last weekend were:  Jake McRitchie, P5, Caitlin McGregor, P1 & Ellie Whyte, P1. Well done!  **Remembrance Day**  P7 attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War memorial on Friday 10 November, along with P7 from Kemnay Primary and a group form Kemnay Academy. They marked the solemn occasion with Rev Joshua Mickelson, Kemnay Parish Church Minister, and were a credit for their respectful manner.  cid:8f03cb3d-24b3-4adc-b10d-407569b2b044@eurprd07.prod.outlook.com  **Christmas card competition winner**  Well done to Lily-Kate Laing who won first prize in a competition to design a Christmas card for Alexander Burnett MSP, Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, and Deputy Chief Whip**.** Her winning design will appear on his 2017 Christmas card, which will be distributed to hundreds of households throughout the local community.  **Safe-opoly 2017 poster competition**  Well done to Reagan Fraser, P5, who was a runner up in the above competition, following on from an Internet safety workshop while in P4. Gabriel Thorburn was also recognised and was awarded Highly commended.  **Children in Need**  Many thanks to everyone who donated money for Children in Need. We raised a magnificent £219.17 and had great fun dressed in our spots and other non-uniform clothes.  **Christmas arrangements**  The School Christmas Fair is on Saturday 2 December from 10am – 12 noon. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help (you will hear very  soon which job you have been allocated and what time you are required) or have handed in donations. **It is not too late to offer to help or hand in items**  **(eg bottle stall, chocolate stall, home bakes, hamper and children’s hamper) and all will be very gratefully received.**  The School Christmas Lunch is on **Friday 15 December**. Notes will soon be going home asking for an idea of numbers and menu choices, so please return these as soon as possible. Crackers will again be provided by the Parent Council.  The **P4-7 Christmas Show** is to be on Tuesday 12 December, with a performance for local Senior Citizens at 1.45pm, and again for parents and carers on Wednesday 13 December at 1.45pm and 6.30pm.  On Wednesday 13 December, **P1-3** will perform A King is born to their parents at 9.45am and again on Thursday 14 December at 9.45am. **Information about tickets for both shows was issued yesterday. Please take note of the dates for return in order not to miss out on your allocation of tickets.**  **Dress as you please now Christmas Jumper/accessory day**  We have decided to change our Dress as you please day from Thursday 21 December to **Friday 15 December**, and to make it a Christmas jumper/accessory day, with an optional donation of £1 for our Charity of the year, Cash for Kids. I hope this doesn’t cause any inconvenience or disruption.  **Standards and Quality Report**  Copies of the 15 page school’s Standards and Quality report for last session and Improvement plan for this 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. **Improvement in children and young people’s health and well being**  * Nursery outdoor area * Visible learning * Growth mind-set * Bounceback * Restorative practise * Mental health  1. **Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy** 2. **Closing the attainment gap between the most and the least disadvantaged children**  * Emerging Literacy – P1 * Early Talk Boost – Nursery * Use of data to improve outcomes for learners * Embed use of Progression frameworks and Benchmarks * Moderation activities * SNSA (Scottish national standardised assessments)  1. **Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people.**  * Teacher training * Gender bias and stereotyping * Career education at each stage * Career education opportunities * Enterprise/entrepreneurial skills   **Kemnay After School Club**  Are now accepting donations for their annual Christmas Hamper.  If you would like to donate anything, please hand in to Breakfast or After School Clubs before 15 Dec. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. All monies raised will go towards purchasing equipment and resources for the Club.  **Staffing**  Following a successful interview, Mrs Kelly Lindsay has been appointed P2 teacher on Thursdays and Fridays, replacing Mrs Adam who left last week. Until she can start (which will be the last week of term) Mrs Shortland will teach P2 at the end of the week.  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, end November 17  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My child’s name and class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |  | |