



Alehousewells School Newsletter 02

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Thur 19 Sept – Buddies Disco, P1-3 6.30-7.30, P4-7 7.35-8.50pm. More information to follow.

Mon 30 Sept – Home school folder goes home today. Further information to follow.

Tue 1 Oct – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome. Please enter via the front door.

Mon 7 Oct – Tempest here for individual and family photos. More information to follow.

Tue 8 Oct – Parents' evening, from 4pm. Further information to follow.

Thur 10 Oct – Last day of term. Dress as you please day.

Fri 11 Oct – School closed to pupils for In service day.

Mon 28 Oct – Back to school after October holidays.

Thur 31 Oct – Hallowe'en Disco. P1-3 6.30-7.30, P4-

Dear Parents/Carers,

House, Vice & Sports Captains

Please find below our new House, Vice and Sports Captains.

Bennachie	House Captain	Destiny Duncan
	Vice-Captain	Molly Black
	Sports Captain	Tyler Mackie

Fraser	House Captain	Jennifer Paterson
	Vice-Captain	Liam Strachan
	Sports Captain	Jake McRitchie

Don	House Captain	Gabriel Thorburn
	Vice-Captain	Reagan Fraser
	Sports Captain	Madison Coull

Mrs Fraser and I were very impressed with the quality of the application forms and the interviews from the prospective captains. Well done all.

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:

P1/2 Harris McGee & Jasmine Thomson
P2/3 Holly Forbes & Tyler Barron
P3/4 Lewis Mackland
P4/5 Katharine Thorburn
P5/6 Calum Wood
P7 Daniel Duncan

The 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

This year, the class representatives for the Acorns (Eco committee) are:

P1/2 Evan Williams & Katie McCann
P2/3 Kallum Mitchell & Emily Backwell
P3/4 Zack Dunbar & Kady Gibbs
P4/5 Alanna Davidson & Katie Torrance
P5/6 Payton Sangster & Sophie Stephen
P7 Destiny Duncan & Molly Black

Digital Leaders

We also have Digital leaders from each class who will support the use and storage of Technology in school and in their class.

P1/2 Chloe Diack & Chiara Sanchez-Carlier
P2/3 Ellie Sorrie & Luca Sanchez-Carlier
P3/4 Orla Massie & Logan Masson
P4/5 Connor Bennett & Leah Diack
P5/6 Owen Stuart & Lily Shewan
P7 Jake McRitchie & Liam Strachan

7 7.35-8.50pm. More information to follow.

Mon 18 & Tue 19 Nov – School closed to pupils for In service days.

Wed 27 Nov – Parent Council Christmas Shopping Night. More information to follow.

Sat 7 Dec – School Christmas Fair. More information to follow.

Mon 9 Dec – M and M Productions here to perform Aladdin (instead of a whole school trip to the Panto at HMT).

Thur 19 Dec – Dress as you please day.

Fri 20 Dec – Last day of term, Church service at Kemnay parish Church at 10am, all welcome.

Mon 6 Jan – Back to school after Christmas holidays.

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

Rights respecting Schools

This session, we have created a new Rights Respecting Schools Group, who will be driving this initiative forward in our school, as we work towards our Bronze award. The following P7s are the pupil representatives;

Sindija Rakovska
Danny Grieve
Ethan Clark-Penny
Emily Stuart

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.

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.

Parent Council news

There was a very disappointing turn out last night at the Parent Council AGM of only 4 parents. This meant that we were unable to appoint new Office Bearers. Please consider coming along to the next meeting on Tuesday 1 October at 6.30pm. If we do not get enough parents to form a Parent Council then events like the forthcoming Disco will not run, and activities that the Parent Council fund will have to cease. If you would like to get in touch with the Parent Council, you can do so either via their email address as shown below or the Alehousewells parents' page on Facebook.

The Buddy Disco is being held on Thursday 19th September. Primary 1-3, 6.30-7.30pm and primary 4-7, 7.35-8.50pm. The P7 Buddies are invited to attend the P1-3 Disco to enjoy their P1 Buddies first Disco with them. Please enter via the Caterpillar Nursery entrance. Please do not allow your child to bring mobile phones to the Disco. Tickets are priced at £2.50 and include entrance to the disco as well as a snack and drink for each child. Tickets will be on sale on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th September at break time so please remember to give your child money to purchase a ticket. Glow sticks will be available to buy on the night for £1.00. All funds raised from the disco will go towards supporting the school.

Parent Council email: alehousewellsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Reporting progress to parents and carers

We use a variety of approaches to report your children's 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, 30 September, 16 March and 8 June. We have received very favourable feedback from parents about this approach so will continue with this again.

Home computer access

Just a reminder that we have free home access for all pupils and staff to Espresso, a website we have again subscribed to. It can be found at www.discoveryeducation.co.uk, using the username **student14537** and the password **animals**. This is in addition to Sumdog, which we have again subscribed to in place of Education City. Look out for your child coming home with their log ins very soon, if they have misplaced theirs from last year or are new to the school.

Sharply pointed articles (Scissors)

We have been asked by the Police to ask you to ensure that your child does not take scissors from home to school. They could be deemed a weapon (sharply pointed article) under Section 49(1) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995, which states that it is an offence to have in a public place a bladed or sharply pointed article, and that a school premises is considered to be a public place. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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 return the payment to the school office **by tomorrow**. Thank you.

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 by 17th September please?

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.

Recycling – Tooth Brushing products

We are now a collection point for all your old toothbrushes and packaging, empty toothbrush tubes and their boxes and electric and battery toothbrush heads. Alehousewells Nursery will gain points which they can exchange for money, which will be used as part of our nursery funds. Collection points will be in both Nursery Cloakrooms and the main office.

Co-op Food Waste

We are part of the Co-op food waste scheme; items of free food will be left on the stand outside the Caterpillar Nursery door. We don't always get every week so please keep checking on your way past. Please take what you can use.

Pop-Up Shop

There is also a pop up shop on the same stand as the Co-op food waste, where there will be a variety of items. Please take what you can use and leave a donation if you can.

Staff news

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Swanson who welcomed baby Leah into the world last week. Everyone is doing well. Mr Swanson will return from Paternity leave on Wednesday next week.

Bikes in the Playground

For safety reasons, no parent or pupil should be riding their bike through the playground while it is full of parents and children. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Omegale – Stranger chat room

I have been alerted by a parent about a new Chat room called Omegale where children can talk to strangers. She is concerned that this is not at all safe nor appropriate and was keen that I share this with all parents so that you too can be informed. Keeping our children safe is everyone’s responsibility.

DFS, Inverurie

DFS in Inverurie is one of the three places where you can buy uniform for Alehousewells school. The shop is closing on 1 November but they will have stock of our uniform until then. After that, their stock of our uniform will be available from www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com.

Charity of the Year

After consulting with parents, pupils and staff, the Charity of the year this session will be SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health)

School Photographer

Tempest will be in school on Monday 7 October. As usual, we will be offering parents/carers the opportunity to have children photographed with their siblings. Please could you complete and return the attached form by Wednesday 2 October. Could we also ask if any parents would be able to assist on the day to ensure the smooth running, that they please contact the school office or indicate on the Photographer return slip at the end? Many thanks.

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, September 19

My name _____

My child’s name and class _____

Photograph Tear off Slip

✂ _____

Photographs 7.10.19

Name of Pupil(s): _____

Class/Classes. _____

Individual photo of my child

Family group (brother/sister)

Both individual & family group

No Photograph Required

I can / cannot help on the day (Name) _____