



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 05

End of November 2019



## Alehousewells School

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### **Emergency Contact**

#### **Details Update**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Diary Dates:**

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

Wed 20 Nov – Parent  
Council meeting, 6.30pm.  
All welcome.

Fri 22 Nov – Deadline for  
paying £4 per child for  
Aladdin.

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

Fri 29 Nov – Kemnay  
village lights switch on,  
Choir singing, 3.30-5.

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).

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are nearly into week four of this busy term already, so it is time for me to share some more information with you.

### **School closures for In Service days**

Just a reminder that the school is closed to all pupils on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 November for In Service Days.

### **A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight**

#### **FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS**

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

### **Colouring Competition**

Your child will be given a competition sheet to colour in. Two lucky children from Alehousewells will win a 'Golden Ticket' family pass to the Scottish Kids Show at the P&J Live arena. Can all sheets be handed into school by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November please

### **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 (**0370 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.

Along with this newsletter, you will receive 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 must close the school during the day due to bad weather, we will send out a Groupcall message 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.

### **Remembrance Day**

P7 attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War memorial on Monday 11 November, along with P7 from Kemnay Primary and a group from Kemnay Academy. They marked the solemn occasion with Rev Joshua Mikelson, Kemnay Parish Church Minister, and were a credit for their respectful manner.

### **School Christmas Fair, Saturday 7 December, 10am-12 noon**

Next week, information will be sent home about our Christmas Fair. We would really appreciate any donations or offers of help.

### **Aberdeenshire's Zero tolerance policy**

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to providing employees with a safe working environment. Violence, aggression, bullying and harassment can result in undue stress and employee safety being compromised. Zero Tolerance is fundamental in helping to achieve this commitment.

Aberdeenshire Council promises to support employees and provide systems which will enable them to successfully manage challenging situations that may arise while they are carrying out their day to day duties.

Aberdeenshire Council will support any employee who takes the correct action to manage any challenging behaviour they encounter whilst carrying out their duties as an employee of the Council.

### **Rights Respecting Schools**

This term, we will be largely focused on preparing for our journey as a Rights Respecting School. There is overwhelming evidence that becoming a Rights Respecting School has many benefits for pupils, including improved wellbeing, self-esteem and academic performance; these are some of the many reasons we are so keen to get started. To achieve the bronze award, we will be working hard to promote children's rights throughout our school with the P7 Rights Respecting School group taking a lead in this. The P7s met in term 1, and already have many fantastic ideas to get us started. We look forward to keeping you updated on our journey! If you are interested in learning more about Children's Rights, the UNICEF website is a great place to start: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>.

### **Kodaly**

We are delighted to have Mrs Okumu here every Friday to deliver the Kodaly singing and musicianship programme to all pupils from Nursery up to P5/6. The aims of the programme are to encourage early development of musicianship, to establish a culture of regular singing and playing musical games in school and to highlight the benefit of music games as an aid to developing the child on other curricular and developmental areas.

### **Staff News**

As of next Week, Mrs Fraser will be working four days a week and Mrs Lindsay will teach P7 on a Wednesday.

### **Gritter name**

As technology progresses, Aberdeenshire Council are trying to use this to Aberdeenshire's advantage and provide the public with information on the services they provide. The 'myAberdeenshire' App shows a map of their main gritting routes and when they are being gritted as well as a live update on their gritters locations. To promote the use of this app, they came up with an initiative that would see primary schools naming each of their 32 main gritters. All primary schools in Aberdeenshire were asked to contribute one name each to enter the draw for their area's gritters. If the schools name is chosen, the app would then allow them to see how busy 'their' gritter has been as winter progresses.

The gritter name put forward from our school was Gritney Gears, suggested by Esme Massie in P4/5. Good luck, Esme!

### **Uniform suppliers**

Schoolwear Made Easy used to supply school uniform to DfS in Inverurie. Now that DfS has shut down uniforms can be ordered directly from their website: <https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/> Click on Badged School Uniform, choose the initial A and search for Alehousewells. You can also order uniforms from Above All Designs based in Blackburn: <https://www.abovealldesigns.com/> or from Tesco: <https://myclothing.com>

Tue 10 Dec – 1.45pm P3/4-7 Christmas Show Dress rehearsal to OAPs, 6.30pm P3/4-7 Christmas Show to parents and family

Wed 11 Dec – 9.45 P1/2 & P2/3 Nativity to parents and family. 1.45 P3/4-7 Christmas Show to parents and family.

Thur 12 Dec – 9.45 P1/2 & P2/3 Nativity to parents and family.

Fri 13 Dec – School Christmas Lunch. Further information to follow.

Tue 17 Dec – P4 & P5 party pm.

Wed 18 Dec – P1-3 party pm.

Thur 19 Dec – P6 & P7 party pm.

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.

Thur 13 Feb – School closed

Fri 14 Feb – School closed

Mon 17 Feb – School closed

Tue & Wed 18 & 19 Feb – School closed for In Service Days.

### **Medical Information Update**

Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition:

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### **Kemnay Christmas Celebrations**

We are delighted that our Choir has been asked to sing at the Kemnay Christmas lights switch on which is taking place on Friday 29 November at the Village Hall. After that, there will be a procession down to the Village Green where Katie Torrance, who was selected at random to represent Alehousewells School, along with a pupil from Kemnay School, will switch on the Christmas lights. This looks like it will be a lovely event and we are delighted to have been asked to be a part of it.

### **P7 Money Matters workshop**

P7 recently took part in a Money Matters workshop, the aim of which was for pupils to learn how to manage their money and how to make their money grow. They learned about risk and reward, investing, saving, banking, budgeting, interest, borrowing and lending and had great fun at the same time.

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, End of November 19

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address