



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 06

December 2019



## Alehousewells School

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### **Emergency Contact Details Update**

Childs Name:

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Diary Dates:**

Sat 7 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10-12. All welcome.

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

Tue 10 Dec – **Early lunches, 11.45/12.**

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. **Early lunches 11.45/12.1.45** P3/4-7 Christmas Show to parents and family.

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

Thur 12 & Fri 13 Dec – P5-7 to receive First Aid training.

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are into December. It's getting busy so there's lots for me to share in this Newsletter. Firstly, welcome to Scott and Lucy McLeod who joined P3/4 and P4/5 respectively and Phoebe Walker who joined P1/2 recently. I hope you will settle into life here quickly and enjoy being part of Alehousewells school.

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

Recently, information was sent home about our Christmas Fair. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help (you should hear today 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, raffle, home bakes, hamper and children's hamper) and all will be very gratefully received.** We hope to see as many families as possible on the day to help make our annual Christmas Fair yet another great success.

### **Church Service, Friday 20 December, 10am, Kemnay Parish Church**

Our end of term service will be at Kemnay Parish Church on the last day of term, Friday 20 December at 10am. We will be leaving to walk up at 9.25am if any parents wish to accompany us. Please let the Office know and we can allocate you to a class. All children should be in school uniform. There will be a collection for our Charity of the Year, SAMH. Thank you.

### **Snowballs**

In accordance with Aberdeenshire Council's Health & Safety Policy, children will not be allowed to make ice slides in the playground nor throw snowballs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Christmas arrangements**

The School Christmas Lunch is on **Friday 13 December**. Crackers will again be provided by the Parent Council.

### **Early lunches for Christmas Shows**

We will have an early lunch on **Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December, at 11.45 – 12.40 for P4-7 and 12.00-12.55 for P1-3**. This is to allow enough time for the Hall to be set up for our shows.

### **Dress as you please/ Christmas Jumper/accessory day**

Our Dress as you please day is on **Thursday 19 December**, with an optional donation of £1 for our Charity of the year, SAMH, Scottish Association for Mental Health.

### **Paper newsletters**

Thank you to those who have indicated that they would like to receive the newsletters by email. This is really helpful for us and good for the environment. If you would like to change to email, please let the Office know. We would appreciate if as many newsletters as possible were sent by email. However, we do occasionally send a paper copy home to everyone if there are several return slips, as we realise that not everyone has access to a working printer.

### **Footballs to school**

We have several children who like to take their own football to school. They are not allowed to play with their own footballs during playtime or lunchtime: if the weather and grass conditions are suitable, then **we** provide a football. Balls brought from home must be handed in to either their teacher or the Office.

### Colouring Competition

Thank you to everyone who handed in colouring competition entries. The two winners were Sophie Stephen, P5/6 and Archie Urquhart, P4/5, and they won a 'Golden Ticket' family pass to the Scottish Kids Show at the P&J Live arena. Well done to all who entered as the standard was very high.

### Gritter name

In the last newsletter, I explained that Esme Massie's suggestion for a Gritter name, which was Gritney Gears, was put forward as the Alehousewells entry. Since then, we have heard that one of the 4 Garioch Gritters has been named Gritney Gears! Very well-done Esme! This is exciting and means we can all be looking out for it on the roads when we are out and about. The 'myAberdeenshire' App can also be used to see how busy the Alehousewells gritter has been as winter progresses from the comfort of school or home.

### Kemnay Christmas Celebrations

We were delighted that our Choir was asked to sing at the first Kemnay Christmas lights switch on which took place on Friday 29 November at the Village Hall. The Choir sang beautifully, and I was extremely proud of their contribution to this community event. We have already received positive feedback from the organisers about the Choir's excellent singing.

After that, there was 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, switched on the Christmas lights. It was a really lovely event and we hope to be part of it next year as well.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Hughes

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### 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, December 19

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

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

Fri 13 Dec – School Christmas Lunch.

Tue 17 Dec – P4 & P5 party pm.

Wed 18 Dec – Nursery party am. P1-3 party pm.

Thur 19 Dec – P6 & P7 party pm.

Thur 19 Dec – Dress as you please/Christmas jumper/accessory day. Optional £1 donation for SAMH.

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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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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