



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 08

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## Alehousewells School

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## **Emergency Contact**

### **Details Update**

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

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

Emergency Contact:

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

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

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

## **Diary Dates:**

Thur 6 Feb – PJ Disco.

More information to follow.

Wk beginning 10 Feb –

STEM week. More

information to follow.

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.

Tue 10 March – Parent

Council meeting 6.30pm.

All welcome.

Fri 13 March – Reports

issued. Further information

to follow.

Wk beginning 16 March –

DYW week. More

information to follow.

Thur 26 March – Parents’

evening from 4pm. Further

information to follow.

Fri 3 April – Last day of

term. Church service at

10am. All welcome.

## **Dear Parents/Carers,**

Happy New Year from us all here at Alehousewells school and Nursery. We hope that it was a good one for you all. We are delighted to welcome 8 new children to our Nursery. I’m sure everyone will make them feel most welcome.

### Increase in Vomiting and/or diarrhoea

Many thanks for your co-operation while we deal with the increase in pupils who have been sick or have been feeling sick. We have put measures in place at school, which include increased handwashing and cleaning, but if you could follow the guidance below then together, we can ensure that this will soon pass.

- **If you or your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, remain at home until 48 hours after the symptoms have settled. This is vital.**
- Encourage thorough handwashing particularly after visiting the toilet and before eating or preparing any food. Further information on handwashing, including children’s songs and games, can be found at [www.washyourhandsofthem.com/](http://www.washyourhandsofthem.com/)
- If you have any concerns regarding you or your child’s illness, contact your GP.
- If symptoms persist for longer than 48 hours, please contact your GP who will arrange for appropriate samples to be taken.

Please also give us as much detail about your child’s illness when you phone and leave a message, as this will save Office staff having to call you back for this information. Our answer machine is available at any time, day or night! Parents and Carers of pupils in P1-3, please do not use Seesaw to tell us about your child’s illness as this may not be monitored first thing or regularly throughout the day. Your co-operation in all of this is very much appreciated.

### Bring and Buy Sale for SAMH, organised by the Task Force

The Task Force are organising a Bring and Buy Sale for SAMH, our Charity of the Year. It will be on **Friday 31 January**. We can accept the following donations from **Monday 27 January**:

*Toys*

*Books*

*Stationery*

*Clothes/Dressing up clothes*

*Board games*

*Jewellery/Accessories*

*DVDs & CDs*

*PS4 & Xbox games*

*Dolls*

*Teddies/Cuddly toys*

We ask that everything be in a good, clean condition, not broken, with all the parts and everything working. Also, no electrical items and everything age appropriate please.

### Admissions – EARLY YEARS (Nursery) and PRIMARY 1

The two online forms; one for Early Years and one for Primary One, will be ready to parents/carers to use during the appropriate admissions periods, which are:

#### **Primary One Admission – this week**

#### **Early Years Admission - 20 January 2020 to 31 January 2020**

These will be available on the council website. There will be NO paper forms available. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mon 20 April – Back to school.

Tue 21 April – 18 P7s off to Dalguise until Friday.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address

### Rights Respecting Schools Award

Alehousewells School are very excited to announce our recent registration to become 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. We have 6 months to achieve the bronze award, where we will be working hard to promote children's rights throughout our school, with the Rights Respecting School group taking a lead in this. The group 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 Childrens' Rights, the UNICEF website is a great place to start: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>.

### Active Schools - Sports clubs and activities

A new term sees the continuation, and creation of, after school sports clubs and activities at Alehousewells School. If interested in getting your child involved in any of the below sessions, please contact Lynsey, Active Schools Coordinator, direct on [lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) for a consent form or for more information.

Fun Fitness and Games - P1-7 - Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15pm starting 15th Jan. Cost for this terms block is £15. Spaces available.

(Based on previous terms we are just running the one merged age group session at the moment but should interest increase then we would look to split the sessions to P4-7 from 3:15-4:15pm and P1-3 from 4:30-5:15pm.)

Junior Jog - P1-4 - Tuesdays from 4-5pm. Start date is yet to be confirmed but will be after the February mid-term break. Spaces available.

(This is a new club that has been created therefore if you are interested or able to help out with the sessions then please do get in touch as we will need a few more parent volunteers to allow the sessions to go ahead. The sessions will be joint with Kemnay Primary, alternating between each school each term.) It's never too late to get involved, so get signed up today!

### Staffing news

Many Congratulations to Miss Clark, who is an Early years Practitioner in the Nursery, on the birth of Emily. She was the second baby born in Scotland in 2020 and the first in Aberdeenshire, so a very special arrival indeed. Mother and baby are doing well, and we are looking forward to them visiting us in school real soon.

### Mobile phones

If you wish your child to carry a mobile phone to school, we ask that they are switched off and either given to their class teacher or the Office for safe keeping at 9am. They should then collect it again at 3.15pm. We are not encouraging children to bring mobile phones, and they are the responsibility of the child before and after they are handed in to a member of staff, but are aware that some parents may prefer that their child have a phone if they are walking to and from home themselves. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### M and M Cups

Since we came back from the holidays, all the children have been busy learning a Scottish poem. The poetry chosen is used to make children more aware of the richness of language generally, to encourage a wider variety of language in the classroom, to help children value the Scots they may use at home, with their peers, and in the community generally, and to extend its range.

Opportunities to read and use Scots language can help develop enthusiasm and motivation for learning, openness to new ideas, self-respect and respect for others; all attributes linked to the four capacities in a Curriculum for Excellence which are Successful learners, Confident individuals, Responsible citizens and Effective contributors.

Working with Scots should be seen as an opportunity not only to learn about language, but to play with language. Using Scots can be a learning opportunity for everybody in the class.

We are looking forward to hearing a selection of children from each class. We will decide who wins the M and M cups (we now have a Junior cup for P1-3 and a Senior cup for P4-7) on Monday 27 January. Look out for the results in the next newsletter. Aa the best!

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.***

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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, January 20

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

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