



Alehousewells School

Newsletter 10

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Details Update

Childs Name:

Class: _____

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Diary Dates:

Tue 3 March – P7 Rotary Quiz.

Wed 4 – Wed 11 March – Book Fair here.

Tue 10 March – Parent Council meeting 6.30pm.

All welcome.

Fri 13 March – Reports issued.

Wk beginning 16 March – DYW week. Also Home school folder home today.

Thur 26 March – Parents' evening from 4pm. Further information to follow.

Fri 3 April – Last day of term. Church service at 10am. All welcome.

Mon 20 April – Back to school.

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

Wed 29 April – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Fri 1 May – Bingo night, 6.30pm. Further information to follow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of February, so it is time for me to update you on a few matters.

Book Fair Arrangements

Along with this Newsletter, you should receive a book Fair Leaflet. This is because our Book Fair will arrive on Wednesday 4th March until Wednesday 11th March. If you could help to run this event, please let us know by contacting the office or returning the attached slip. We will be looking for parent helpers to make this event a success on **Monday 9th March pm and/or Tuesday 10 March all day**, when the children are buying books. You are also welcome to come along and view the books with your child in order to help them choose. I will let you know the days and times that each class will be visiting the Book Fair once we have made up the timetable. There is no expectation that every child will buy a book though.

World Book Day

World book day is on Thursday 5th March. As usual, we will have £1 World Book Day book tokens for each child which will be handed out in time for them to be used towards the purchase of a book from the Book Fair or at a participating shop. On Thursday 5th for P4/5-P7 and on Friday 6th March for P1/2-P3/4, we will have book themed activities across the school. Children will be working with different groups and teachers over the course of the morning, and then sharing some of their learning at Assembly the following Monday. We are not asking children to dress up for World Book day.

Garioch Gymnastics

Garioch Gymnastics Club have now opened a new full-time gymnastics facility in Kintore. As the club will be able to offer a full programme of gymnastics activity that can operate 7 days a week, there will be spaces for new children in our classes. The classes are aimed from birth to adults. Garioch Gymnastics is a registered charity and is therefore a not for profit organisation. We have an amazing team of qualified staff who can guide every child to be the best they can be in the sport.

For more information and to register for classes please email gariochgc@gmail.com or 07852 615858.

Next Parent Council meeting, Tuesday 10 March, 6.30pm

Our next Parent Council meeting is to be held at the school on Tuesday 10 March at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Please enter via the front door.

Rotary Quiz

Next Tuesday evening, 5 P7s (Ethan Clark-Wallace, Danny Grieve, Molly Black, Madison Coull and Gabriel Thorburn) will represent Alehousewells school at the local heat of the Rotary Quiz. We wish them all the best!

Lost Property

We keep any lost property in a box just inside the back door and then put it on display outside regularly so that items can hopefully be reunited with their owners. Please ask if you would like to have a look through at any point. If we find items with names on, then these are returned, so it does tend to be unnamed items that are in the Lost Property box. Naming all items would ensure that they did not end up in the lost property forever!

Staffing news

Mrs Barbara Smale has joined our staff as an ASL teacher, covering for Mrs Seator who is on Maternity leave. We welcome Mrs Smale to Alehousewells

Fri 8 May – School closed for May Day/75th anniversary of VE Day.
Wk beginning 18 May – Health Week.
Wed 20 May – Sports Day
Wed 27 May – Sports Day reserve date.
Mon 1 June – School closed for local holiday.

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

and hope that she will enjoy working here. I will share Mrs Seator's baby news when I hear.

Free school meals and Clothing grants

Information on the school clothing grant can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/school-clothing-grants/>

Information on free school meals can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/assistance/free-school-meals/>

Breakfast / Homework Club

We run a Homework/Breakfast club every Thursday morning from 8.15-8.45. It is free to those on Free school meals; there is a small charge to all others for the breakfast. We can take up to 20 children at a time as we only have two teacher volunteers on hand to help with homework, but there are currently a few spaces for the rest of this term. If you are interested, please contact the school office and we will hopefully manage to add your child(ren) onto the list. A new booking form goes out at the end of this term for the last term so keep an eye out for it if this is something that you think would help your family.

Reporting

Soon, your child will be working in their Home/School folder, which they will take home on 16 March for you to look through. The purpose of this is so that you can see the quality and variety of written work that your child may do in any week at school and use this as an opportunity to discuss their learning with them. This is the second time this session, the next being in June. **Of course, not every piece of work can be represented in their folder e.g. work done orally.** We would welcome any comments you may have each time the folder goes home, so please do so in the relevant box. Then please sign and ensure that the folder is returned as soon as possible. Please also tell us if your child attends any clubs or has any interests out of school. This is so that we can track out of school achievements.

Staff are currently finalising the written reports which will be issued to parents and carers on Friday 13 March. You will also shortly receive a letter asking if you would like an appointment for Parents' evening which is to be held on Thursday 26 March from 4pm.

Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) week

We would like to make a focus on Careers and skills for work during the week beginning 16 March. Therefore, we would love if any parents, carers, relatives or friends would be willing to come into school that week and speak to some classes (not everyone at an Assembly) about the job they have and the skills they use for it. If you are interested or you know someone that might be, we would be delighted to hear from you. Just contact the school office with some information (the job you do and when you could manage) and we will take it from there. Many thanks.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We continue to have several children off each day with sickness and diarrhoea. Please ensure that you follow the NHS guidelines and keep your children off for 48 hours after the symptoms are clear and only return them to school once they are fit and well. Please also help to limit the spread of any bugs with thorough hand washing at home, in the same way as we are doing at school. These two approaches are key to breaking the cycle of sickness and diarrhoea and we thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If numbers creep up again, we will be told by NHS Grampian to follow the strict three times a day cleaning procedure of high touch areas, close sand, water, playdoh and the water fountains, stop Dinner dudes and any food preparation and tasting as well as other events which bring people into the school. We have already had to follow these restrictions until the Mid-term break, when we received a deep clean, as we were deemed to be back to normal levels, but we are creeping

back up again and would really appreciate your help in limiting this as soon as possible.

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, End February 20

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

I can help with the Book Fair. Please indicate which days and times you can manage. Many thanks.

Name _____

Child's name _____ Class _____

Mon 9th March, pm Preferred Times _____

Tue 10th March Preferred Times _____