



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 02

September 2020



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**Emergency Contact**  
**Details Update**

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

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Diary Dates:**  
Fri 9 Oct – Last day of term. Dress as you please day.  
Mon 26 Oct – Back to school after holidays.  
Fri 20 Nov – School closed to pupils for In service day.  
Thur 17 Dec – Dress as you please day.  
Fri 18 Dec – Last day of term.  
Tue 5 Jan – Back to school after Christmas holidays.

**Medical Information**  
**Update**

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

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

Medical Condition:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to Ailsa and Jordan Wilkie who have joined us this week in P3 and P4 respectively. I hope you will soon settle into life at Alehousewells and that everyone will make you feel welcome.

**House, Vice & Sports Captains**

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

**Bennachie**            House Captain    Calum Wood  
                                 Vice-Captain     Kirsty McGhee  
                                 Sports Captain    Layton Gavin

**Fraser**                House Captain    Jayden Shek  
                                 Vice-Captain     Payton Sangster  
                                 Sports Captain    Nicolas Srodon

**Don**                    House Captain    Derren Wilson  
                                 Vice-Captain     Owen Stuart  
                                 Sports Captain    Eileigh Morton

Mrs Fraser and I were very impressed with the quality of the application forms and the interviews from the prospective captains. Well done all who took part in this process.

**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 Lottie Craven & Giulia Sanchez-Carlier
- P2 Alasdair Moynagh
- P3 Leo Creevy
- P4 Liam Jackson
- P5 Imogen Donald
- P6 Faye Craven
- P7 Freddi Laing

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:

- P2 Morgan Gavin
- P3 Evan Williams
- P4 Samantha Thorburn
- P5 Morven Low
- P6 Katharine Thorburn
- P7 Jordan Gray

Mrs Binfield and Mrs Lindsay plan to meet regularly with the Eco group.

**Digital Leaders**

We also have Digital leaders from P6 who will support the use and storage of Technology in school and in the following classes.

- P1 Connor Bennett
- P2 Amy Gillies
- P3 Lily Shewan
- P4 Katie Torrance

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

P5 April-Leigh Webster

P6 Dylan Nieto Aguilar

P7 Archie Urquhart

Mrs Alexander plans to meet with the Digital leaders regularly.

### **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

Last session, we created a new Rights Respecting Schools Group, who began to drive this initiative forward in our school, as we worked towards our Bronze award. The following P7s are the pupil representatives this session.

Maizie Fraser

Mhairi Kinghorn

Jayden Shek

Layton Gavin

Mrs Fraser and Mrs Gell plan to meet with the RRSA pupils regularly.

### **Lunchtime changes**

We have implemented a few tweaks to our lunchtime arrangements in order to try and keep classes apart more at break times. You may have noticed that the playground has been divided in half, with P1-3 on one side and P4-7 on the other. This will be changed weekly so that each group of pupils has an equal time on the equipment or the Learning arena side. **We have also made lunchtime for P1-3 from 12.45-1.40 with immediate effect** so that there is enough time to clean the tables that have been used by **P4-7, whose lunchtime remains unchanged at 12.15-1.10**. Classes are sitting together in the Hall so all school and packed lunches from one class are together with no other children sharing their table.

As mentioned before, all children are coping extremely well with the measures in place and any changes that we make as we settle into routines to keep everyone in our school community safe. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Teachers, Staff, Parents and Guardians**

We have uploaded the above document, published by NHS Grampian / Public health, onto the Covid-19 section of our website for your information.

### **Gate leading to back car park at Waterside Court**

Feel free to prop open the large vehicle gate at 9am and 3.15pm if this means less people have to touch the gate. It must be closed between these hours though so that we can ensure that all children are safe and remain in the playground. Many thanks.

### **Water bottles**

We encourage all children to take a filled water bottle to school every day to keep the children hydrated. However, we are noticing that many children are starting to bring juice to school instead of water. During class time, it should be **water only**: We have already had some juice spills in class, making a sticky mess of tables, jotters, worksheets and the carpet. Juice should only be for playtime and lunchtime, when the children can take their bottles outside. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

### **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](http://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.

### **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 18th September please?  
Many thanks.

**Annual Data Checks**

It is vital that the information we hold for your child is up to date, therefore please ensure all outstanding forms are returned ASAP or that any changes required are submitted on Parentsportal. Thank you.

**Seesaw**

We have almost all families now signed up for Seesaw, which is great, but we are still waiting for a few to either register for the app or return the Privacy notice or both. We need both parts to start communicating and sharing your children's learning with you so would really appreciate if you could do this as soon as possible. Please let us know if you need any help and we will do our best. Many thanks.

**Co-op Food Waste/Food Share schemes**

We are part of the Co-op food waste and Food share schemes; items of free food will be left on the trolley at the gate nearest the back car park. 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 next to the food waste, where there will be a variety of items, mainly uniform. Please take what you can use and leave any similar items for others to benefit from if you can.

**Staff news**

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Carolyn Crews, who is leaving Alehousewells Nursery on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Mrs Crews is furthering her studies by doing a Post Graduate Diploma in Person Centred Counselling and will be working as a bereavement support worker with Grampian Child Bereavement Network based in the Archie Foundation. We thank Mrs Crews for her hard work, commitment and support for the children and families at Alehousewells and wish her the very best for this next chapter in her journey. We will miss you!

**Bikes in the Playground**

For safety reasons, no pupil should be riding their bike or scooter through the playground while it is full of parents and children. Please walk your bike or scooter until you reach beyond the playground. This will make sure everyone is safe. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

*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 20

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

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