



Alehousewells School Newsletter 04

End of October 2020



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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Fri 20 Nov – School closed to pupils for In service day.

Fri 18 Dec – Dress as you please day. Last day of term.

Mon 4 Jan- Holiday.

Tue 5 Jan – Back to school after Christmas holidays.

Fri 12 Feb – School closed for mid-term break.

Mon 15 Feb – School closed for mid-term break.

Tue 16 & Wed 17 Feb – In service days so closed to pupils.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to this short (8 weeks) term. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays, even though they did not allow us to do the things we might usually do during time off. It has been lovely to see all the children returning to school with that positive attitude we saw last term and looking smart in their school uniform.

I would like to welcome Stevie Skene, P7, and Sonny Skene, P4, and Daniel Gifford, P4, and Taylor Gifford, P2, who have all started with us this week. I hope you will settle into life here quickly and enjoy being part of Alehousewells school.

COVID

Can I remind you all of the following points to help keep everyone safe?

- Only P1 and P2 parents are allowed in the playground, one parent per child, and wearing a face covering please.
- No other parents are allowed in the playground, unless in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure your P3-P7 child knows the arrangements for the end of the day: whether to wait for a sibling, go straight to the prearranged meeting point outside the playground or walk home if old enough.
- While waiting outside the playground, please ensure you keep a 2m distance from other adults not in your family so that we can ensure there are no large gatherings. Please do not crowd round the gates but allow ample space for the pupils to get through without feeling overwhelmed.
- No adults to enter the school building unless in an emergency. Please contact the school by phone or email instead.
- Children should attend school in appropriate, clean clothing daily.
- Uniform is encouraged but we are appreciative that the need to have clean clothing daily means uniform may not be possible all of the time. We do not want there to be any additional pressures on families so please do not buy unnecessary additional items. Jackets will be hung on the child's peg in their cloakroom. We have some second-hand uniform that has been kindly donated that may help you out meantime. Please call the school for further information if this is of interest.
- Pupils should not bring a separate PE Kit to school in a PE bag yet. Pupils can come dressed in their outdoor PE kit and trainers on PE days.
- Please still send your child to school with a pair of indoor shoes to change into. These will remain in the building.
- Classes will be encouraged to undertake outdoor learning as frequently as possible. Pupils should arrive at school daily with the appropriate clothing and footwear for being outdoors for long periods of time.
- Classrooms require to be kept well ventilated. Windows in classrooms will be open if the weather allows. Pupils should always attend school with a jumper or an equivalent in order to keep warm.
- All staff and pupils are advised to tie up long hair.

- Wherever possible, I ask that pupils do not take personal belongings to school. Anything that they bring is solely for their use only. Pencil cases that are brought in will remain in school.
- Each pupil will be given a tray of stationery, so they do not need to bring any of their own for now. This helps to limit the number of items being brought into the school.
- Reading books will not be going home meantime.
- Pupils should attend school with a clearly named water bottle. Water bottles should be brought in full. Water bottles should return home for cleaning daily. Water bottles will not be able to be filled in school during the day.
- Bags can be brought to school to carry a water bottle, morning snack and possibly a packed lunch. Bags will be hung on your child's peg along with their jacket. Red packets will not be needed or used meantime in P1-3.
- Many thanks for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Paul who has joined us for a few weeks as a temporary PSA while Miss Wood is away on placement as a student teacher.

Farewell and best wishes to Mrs A. Morrison who has transferred to Uryside school nursery. We thank her for her hard work in the time that she has been here as a valued member of our Nursery team and wish her all the best as she moves on to the next part of her journey.

Parent Council News

“Our role, as the Parent Council, is to represent the views of all parents and carers of children attending the school, as well as supporting the school. Our meetings are very friendly and informal: Mrs Hughes provides an update on what's happening in the school and we have a chance to discuss any issues or problems that have arisen that are on the agenda.

We usually meet once a term and meetings are currently being held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Don't worry if you've never used Teams, we're all still getting used to the new ways and systems too and if you have any problems someone will be able to help sort them out. Feel free to join the meeting and just listen in - no one will be made to do anything they don't want to! **Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November. If you'd like to join, let the school office know and they will share the meeting link.**

If you have any comments, questions or would like us to raise any issues on your behalf, please e-mail us at alehousewellsparentcouncil@gmail.com. If you use Facebook, follow us @AlehousewellsParents. Thank you.”

Support available

As part of our approach this year using our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) money, Mrs Hendrick is available on a Wednesday should a parent or carer feel that they would like someone to talk to or sign posting towards someone or an organisation that could offer some help. Mrs Hendrick is also our Pupil Support Worker and works Monday, Thursday and Friday. If you think these services are something that you or your child could find useful, just contact the school office and your message will be passed on to Mrs Hendrick to deal with.



Jackets to School

As the weather is turning much colder, it is expected that ALL pupils come to school each day with a jacket and suitable footwear. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Inclement weather

If the weather is particularly wet, snowy or stormy, we will let children into school from 8.55 onwards. They will be asked to go to their cloakroom or pegs, hang up their jacket, change their shoes and wait there for their teacher to collect them once the bell rings at 9am. We would appreciate your co-operation in keeping children at home until the last minute when the weather is inclement. This also applies to home lunch children, who should not return until 1pm or 1.15pm, depending on when their lunch is. Many thanks

School Nurses Facebook Page

A new facebook page has been set up for School Nurses. The page is called Aberdeenshire School Nurses, should anyone wish to follow for up to date information.

Cluster Judo (in partnership with Active Schools)

Garioch Judo Club are pleased to release information on the return of the Cluster Judo sessions available within the Kemnay network. Sessions take place on Mondays at Kemnay Academy, with a session for Under 8s from 4pm-4:35pm, and 8-12yrs from 4:45pm-5:35pm. Payment is roughly £5 per session, although there may be a slight change to this just now given the current situation and session duration being reduced. If you are interested in signing your child up, or would like some more information about the sessions, then please contact Stuart McWatt directly at gariochjudo@gmail.com

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 October 20

My name _____

My child's name and class _____

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 _____

