



# Alehousewells School

## Newsletter 10

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### Alehousewells School

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### Emergency Contact Details Update

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

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

Emergency Contact:

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

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

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

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### Diary Dates:

Mon 3 May – School closed for May day holiday.

Tue 1 June – Parent council meeting 6.30pm.

Fri 4 June -P7 visit to Kemnay Academy 12.45-2.45. Early lunch needed. Further information to follow.

Mon 14 June – Written update report issued to parents/carers.

Fri 25 June – Last day of the session.

Tues 17 Aug – Back to school for P2-7 pupils.

### Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and that the start of the new term has gone well for you and your family. Here we are at the end of week two already! We continue to follow the strict mitigations in school as before, with the addition of 36 staff participating in twice weekly Lateral flow testing. You too as parents and carers have your part to play in making sure Alehousewells school remains a safe environment so please follow the rules. Thank you.

As the restrictions to combat Coronavirus continue to ease, I am hopeful that this term will seem more 'normal' in comparison to recent ones. However, we are still not in a position to make plans for the usual final term events like Sports Day as we must remain cautious, working within the current guidelines for everyone's safety.

We can't afford to be complacent, and we must continue to do all we can to follow public health advice in terms of combatting the virus and the risks which are still very much around us. In society and indeed in our schools, wellbeing will become increasingly important as we strive to offer equity and support in helping children and young people process the ever-changing world we now live in.

### May Day holiday

Please remember that the school and nursery will be closed to everyone on Monday 3 May for the May Day holiday.

### Staffing

Mrs Gell has decided to take a short period of leave, so we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sweeney to Alehousewells on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to cover in her absence.

Miss Wood is currently on placement as part of her Dlite teacher training course, so we welcome back Mrs Paul as a relief PSA in her place.

### Healthy eating

There are new school lunch menus, and these can be found on Aberdeenshire council's website. You will see many changes to menu items with a focus on healthy choices such as more vegetables and fruit options as well as a reduction in Red and Red processed meat. To support this initiative, it would be great if all pupils could bring a healthy snack to school for playtime. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### P2 Litter less campaign

As part of the Wrigley Litter Less campaign, P2 have won funding for the school to help reduce litter in our local community. P2 carried out a Litter pick recently along the River Don and at the park. They collected an awful lot of litter but made our local environment much nicer. Well done P2!

### Marvellousme

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have signed up to Marvellousme already. We hope you are enjoying receiving positive news about your child. Please contact the school office if you have lost your join code or need any help in getting set up. Please note that the purpose of Marvellousme is not a communication tool between parents, carers and class teachers, but to make parents and carers smile with news about what your child has been learning and what they have done well. Teachers are no longer checking their Glow emails so if you wish to contact your child's teacher, please do so through the school office. Many thanks.

## CLAN's Little Lights

We have just heard that our amazing lighthouse that the children designed and painted earlier this session will be located at the Garioch Heritage Centre in Inverurie from the 9<sup>th</sup> August to 17<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Light the North trail. I will let you know more information once I hear. Here are some photos of it to remind you how amazing it is.



## Reporting progress

Aberdeenshire has provided guidance for schools around reporting progress to parents and carers this session to reflect the uniqueness of recent and current circumstances. Parents/carers and their children have engaged predominantly in remote learning since March 2020 with minimum face to face learning and teaching and children working in isolation. Therefore, there is a need to change the way we communicate with Parents and carers this year and as a result, we have created a one off written report which will be issued on 14 June to allow staff time to gather the relevant school based information. We hope to return to the format issued last year going forward, along with the other ways of sharing progress like having parents and carers in for Assemblies, concerts and Open afternoons, none of which we have been allowed to do for some time.

## Raring to Go Magazine

Local family magazine Raring2go! has gone online during the pandemic! This Spring issue brings you lots of fun things to do locally and at home. You can [view it online HERE](#).

## Wider Achievements

Katharine Thorburn has finished Cubs, and has moved up to Scouts, but before finishing, she completed the Chief Scouts Silver Award, which is the highest award that a Cub can achieve. Her Cubs leader presented the Award badge and certificate to her (on their doorstep as they couldn't meet face-to-face) before her last Cubs meeting. Well done Katharine!



Finally, I would again like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support of the school during these challenging times. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

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

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

My child's name and class  
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**Medical Information Update**

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

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

Medical Condition:

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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.

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address

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