



Alehousewells School

Newsletter 06

(December 2021)



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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name:

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Wed 15 Dec – P6 & 7 Christmas party pm.

Thur 16 Dec – Pupil Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Fri 17 Dec – P4 & 5 Christmas party pm.

Mon 20 Dec – P1 – 3 Christmas party pm.

Tue 21 Dec – Last day of term.
Dress as you please day.

Wed 5 Jan – Back to school.

Tue 18 Jan – Virtual Parent council meeting 6.30pm. All welcome.

Thur 10, Fri 11 & Mon 14 Feb – School closed for Midterm holiday.

Tue 15 & Wed 16 Feb – School closed to pupils for In service days.

Fri 1 Apr – Last day of term.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding when we quickly closed the school due to Storm Arwen on Friday and then while we were closed on Monday and Tuesday. It was a very challenging time for us all, families and staff alike, with no power, signal and for some, no water. It was difficult to spread the word that the Authority had made the decision to close all schools when many had no signal. Thankfully, we pulled through as a community, but I hope you were able to rest and recuperate afterwards while the school was closed. We are here to support each other as we recover.

Christmas arrangements

Christmas video

We are again unable to have parents and carers into school for our usual Christmas entertainment so this year each class is planning to perform and record something which we will then share with you. You will receive a link to a private You tube channel which is completely safe and secure. Only the recipients of the link will be able to view it and you will not be able to forward it on to anyone else as this is how we can guarantee the high levels of security. The children are excitedly preparing a mixture of plays, poetry and musical pieces which I hope you will enjoy. These will be sent out by the last day of term.

Christmas jumpers

We would like to organise our Christmas jumper swap again this year. We have set out the jumpers we have available in the vestibule at the front door of the school. Please help yourself if you would like one but also if you have any that no longer fit, please add these to the table for others to take. Many thanks. Christmas jumper day is Thursday 16 December.

Christmas hampers

Many thanks to everyone who has sent up donations for our class hampers as well as our Children's hampers for Clan. We still need more items if anyone feels able to donate. All very gratefully received. You should have received information today home with your child about how to buy tickets. All tickets and money should be handed in by Friday 17 December and winners will be drawn on Monday 20 December. Good luck!



Updated School Vision, Values and Aims

We recently updated our School Vision, Values and Aims to incorporate the United Nations Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which was enshrined into Scots Law on 1 November. A copy is below for you. We would welcome any comments.

School vision

Alehousewells School aspires to be a safe and supportive learning community. Everyone is respected and **listened to, enabling them to** realise their full potential within a friendly and caring environment.

(UNCRC Articles 1,2,3,4,12,23,28,29 and 42)

School values



Alehousewells C.A.R.E.S

Caring **A**chieving **R**esponsible **E**ncouraging **S**upporting

(UNCRC Articles 1,2,3,4,12,23,28,29 and 42)

School aims

Alehousewells School aims to maintain and improve the quality and standards of caring, learning and achievement for everyone.

In so doing, we will:

- Provide a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum which encourages every child to be a successful learner. Promote and celebrate achievement and improve attainment.
- Encourage each child to be confident in developing his/her potential. Nurture skills and interests for lifelong learning and personal fulfilment in order to effectively contribute to society.
- Deliver a quality curriculum with effective leadership and enable all staff to develop their skills in a caring and supportive environment.
- Support each child, academically, socially and emotionally. Encourage pupils to be responsible citizens through self-respect, respect for others within the school, the community and society.
- Instil in pupils, parents/carers and staff a sense of identity, responsibility and pride in the school by providing a welcoming ethos where each person in the school community can work together in partnership.
- Foster the ability to make healthy lifestyle choices and build resilience.
- Create and maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children and adults in the school

(UNCRC Articles 1,2,3,4,12,23,28,29 and 42)

Remembrance

Many thanks to everyone who bought a Poppy recently We raised £91 for Poppy Scotland which is a great amount.

Approaching staff outwith school

Unfortunately, I am hearing of a few occasions when staff members, especially non-teaching staff, have been approached either in person or on Social media by parents about a school matter. Please refrain from this but contact myself or the class teacher who will be more than happy to answer your query and resolve any concerns. Many thanks.

Adverse weather arrangements

It is ironic that I would usually add this information to the newsletter issued at this time of year. We need to prepare for adverse weather and the possibility that the school may have to close. If this decision is made, you will be able to find this information by phoning the School Information Line (**0370 054 4999, Pin number 021180**. This information is always at the top of every newsletter), You can also log into Aberdeenshire's website for a list of all schools that are closed, and can register to get email alerts for Alehousewells, which is very handy. Local radio stations also mention school closures. The decision to close the school will be made as early as possible, if possible, before 7am.

This week, you will receive an emailed Snow pack, which has a list of suggested activities that your child could work on in the event that the school is closed unexpectedly. Please keep this safe, as we will not be issuing it again this winter. If we must close the school during the day due to bad weather, we will send out a Groupcall message to this effect, as well as putting the information on the phone line and the website. Please keep us informed if your emergency contact details change during the year. Many thanks.

Cauliflower Cards

Your orders should be arriving in school next week and will be sent home with the pupils thereafter.

Light the North for Clan

We are delighted that our Light the North sculpture, Hope blooms, has been returned to us. It is sitting near the Hall door at the moment so that everyone can see it before we find its forever home.



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 December 2021

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

