



# Alehousewells School

## Newsletter 07

(December 2021)



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### Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name:

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

Emergency Contact:

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

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

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

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### Diary Dates:

Wed 5 Jan – Back to school.

Tue 18 Jan – Virtual Parent council meeting 6.30pm. All welcome. Please ask at the Office for the link.

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,

Just a quick update with a few pieces of information before the end of term....which is today!

### School values awards

At our Assembly recently, the latest round of children received our CARES school values badges. It was a lovely celebration even though it was done virtually, with the children shocked, surprised, delighted and proud to receive a badge. Our pupils are showing in many different ways how they demonstrate our school values eg showing a growth mindset, emptying the recycling bins weekly, helping their classmates when they are stuck or hurt and excelling in their learning.

#### P1

Caring- Brodie McMichan  
Achieving- Jaxon Sangster  
Responsible- Emily Laoye  
Encouraging- Freya Maciver  
Supporting- Isla Hosie

#### P2

Caring- Abii Beaton  
Achieving- Harley Duncan  
Responsible- Linda Rakovska  
Encouraging- Lucie McHaffie  
Supporting- Alexander Herning

#### P3

Caring- Olivia Laoye  
Achieving- Ethan Craig  
Responsible- Star Duncan  
Encouraging- Erynn-Lily Sim  
Supporting- Taylor Gifford

#### P4

Caring- Leona Mitchell  
Achieving- Ailsa Wilkie  
Responsible- Noah Aitken-Wallace  
Encouraging- Harris McGee  
Supporting- Katie McCann

#### P5

Caring- Sonny Skene  
Achieving- Lauren Blair  
Responsible- Kallum Mitchell  
Encouraging- Ellie Sorrie  
Supporting- Blair King

#### P6

Caring- Morven Low  
Achieving- Libby McKinnon  
Responsible- Ellie Mitchell  
Encouraging- Ryan Buxton  
Supporting- Matthew Gibb

## P7

Caring- Connor Bennett  
Achieving- Sophie Stephen  
Responsible- Jinie Burness  
Encouraging- Emma Johnstone  
Supporting- Sofie McGillivray

### Neil Johnstone Memorial Award for Creativity in the Expressive Arts for P1-3 and P4-7

Yesterday, we proudly presented these awards for the second time. The awards were created to remember one of our parents who sadly died two years ago. Neil Johnstone loved music and singing so we thought an award in the Creative Arts (Music, Drama and Art) would be fitting. We would anticipate that in the future, we could select pupils from the Christmas preparations eg the Nativity or Christmas Show, but in the absence of these events this year, we used a Winter art scene project to select the winners.

The recipients of the awards for 2021, revealed at our Assembly yesterday, are as follows. Congratulations to:  
P1-3 – Abii Beaton  
P4-7 – Emma Johnstone



### Charity of the year, CLAN fundraising

This term, we have raised a lot of money for Clan from different activities.

Jasmine Thomson and Joan McLennan sold items at the park to raise £5.02. Well done girls.

We offered refreshments at the P1/2 outdoor nativity for donations to Clan and made £28.95.

Staff donated the money that they would have spent on a Secret Santa gift, totalling £50.

Our Dress as you please day today raised £9.15.

Finally, our Children's hampers raised a whopping £638. Many, many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and / or donated items which allowed us to make 8 fantastic hampers.

This brings our total this term to £731.12 and our total raised so far for Clan to £831.07.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this amazing amount for a well deserving charity.

### Clan Children's hamper winners

The winners were drawn at our Assembly yesterday and are as follows:

Jaydon Sangster c/o Jaxon Sangster

Ilga c/o Elizabete Mezul

Teresa Martin c/o Brodie McMichan

Jim c/o Lauren Blair

Louise Daun c/o Zac Gibson

David Main c/o Noah Purves



### School Christmas hampers

Many thanks to everyone who donated items and / or bought tickets for our school fundraiser. We raised a magnificent £672.20 for school funds. We managed to make 8 full-to-overflowing hampers and the delighted winners of these were drawn in each class yesterday. They are as follows:

- Nursery – Colette Donald c/o Matthew Donald
- P1 – Ross Sangster c/o Brodie McMichan
- P2 – Euan Mortimer c/o Aaron Mortimer
- P3 – Kathleen Daun c/o Zac Gibson
- P4 – Emma Collie c/o Katie McCann
- P5 – Chloe Rawlinson c/o Logan Rawlinson-Yule
- P6 – Lisa Herring c/o Matthew Gibb
- P7 – Kevin Burness c/o Jinie Burness



### Changes to holidays next year

It has been decided to move the May Day holiday from Monday 2 May to Thursday 3 June to celebrate the Queens' Diamond Jubilee. An extra public holiday has also been included for Friday 4 June. We are already off on Monday 6 June for a local holiday.

### P1 admission week, Monday 10- Friday 14 January 2022

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023, you can register them in **January 2022** to start attending school in August 2022. As with last year, we are using the online P1 school admission form, but please note this will only be available from enrolment week which is **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

Any questions, please just ask.

To register for a primary school place please complete the online application which can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>

**Early learning and Childcare funded place** applications for session 2022/2023 will be available from 17-28 January 2022. Please look out for the information about how to apply nearer the time. Again, any questions, please ask our Nursery staff.

### Christmas class videos

We hope you enjoyed seeing your child and their classmates entertaining you with their Christmas themed learning. They all worked really hard (as did the staff who had to master some new IT skills, so well done to them too). We made the decision to only send the video to you if your child was in it so hope you understand why you may not have been sent something.

### Santa

We had a visit from a very someone very special today. Santa found time in his busy schedule to walk around the outside of the school to wave to all the pupils and staff. We were all very excited to see him, some staff as much as the pupils!



### **Spare clothes**

We are happy for you to send in a set of spare clothes to hang on your child's peg in case they need a change. We are also always grateful to receive any unwanted clothes that we could use if a child needs a change and doesn't have their own clothes with them eg underwear, trousers, skirts etc. Many thanks.

### **Covid 19**

I am aware of recent posts on Facebook which have been very unhelpful and have created more anxiety and worry than necessary. Unfortunately, Facebook does not allow the school to explain its side of the story. We follow the Aberdeenshire guidance when we are made aware of a positive case in our school community, which has been drawn up in conjunction with NHS Grampian's Health protection team and is in turn, based on the Scottish Government guidance. This tells us to send the Low-risk letter to the parents and carers of pupils in the same class as the positive case, not to the whole school. We continue to follow the other mitigations that have always been in place e.g. enhanced midday cleaning, staff completing regular Lateral flow tests and wearing masks when they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance from others, ventilation in every area, regular handwashing and a one way system.

We would much rather that parents and carers contacted the school directly with their concerns or complaints so that we can have the opportunity to explain the facts from our side. We care deeply about the health and wellbeing of all our school community and are all trying our very best to keep every single person as safe as we can at all times.

We have received updated guidance on reducing the risks in schools from Covid 19 from the Scottish Government but the national situation remains fluid as things continue to change. Please look out for any announcements that may be made over the holiday period that could affect our return as planned on Wednesday 5 January at 9am.

Whatever your circumstances, I hope that you are able to enjoy some family time with a chance to rest and recharge your batteries. This has been yet another difficult term and I thank you for your help and support throughout 2021.  
Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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 December 2021

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### **Medical Information Update**

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

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

Medical Condition:

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

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

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