



Alehousewells School

Newsletter 13

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Emergency Contact Details Update

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Class: _____

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Number: _____

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Diary Dates:

Mon 30 May – Home school folder week.

Tue 31 May – Citizenship shield nominations by today please.

Nursery Jubilee Sports and Garden party, 11am-2pm.

Wed 1 June – M & M productions here to present Oliver Twist to the children.

Jubilee celebration day in school.

Thur 2 and Fri 3 June – School closed.

Sat 4 June – Parent council Duck race at the start of the Inverurie Raft race.

Mon 6 June – School closed.

Tue 7 June – Sports day & Home school folder sent home.

Tue 14 June – Sports day reserve date.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Annabella Beda in P5 who joined our school recently. I hope you have settled into life at Alehousewells and that everyone has made you feel welcome.

Whole school evacuation

Today, we practised a whole school evacuation and gathered at Kemnay Academy, rather than at our usual muster point in the school playground. This is for a situation when it would not be safe for us to gather beside the school. The children were prepared by staff, with the explanation being tailored to their age and understanding. It went well, and everyone was calm and sensible throughout, and will be something that we will practise again in the future, in the same way as we regularly practise a Fire drill.

Uniform / Spare clothes / Lost property

Thank you for sending your children to school in school uniform every day that is not a PE day. They all look so smart.

We do still have a supply of preloved uniform in school that all parents and carers can access if needed. Please ask at the school office and we will let you choose from what we have available.

Any donations of clothes that your children no longer fit, or need are most welcome and can be used by us as spare clothes in school if children need a change or can be added to our uniform stock. We are always very short of underwear, socks, tights, trousers, joggers and leggings.

Finally, we continue to have an increasing collection of unnamed items in our lost property box. I will endeavour to put it outside on fine days round at the back gate so please have a look through and take anything that you think is yours. Please, please, please remember to label all of your child's items as none of the ones in the Lost property box have names on them and many look in really good condition! Many thanks.

Sports day

We are delighted to be able to hold a whole school Sports Day again this year on **Tuesday 7 June (reserve date 14 June)**. We are aware that many of you will want to attend so apologies that this is relatively short notice.

The races will be in the morning from 10.30am-12 noon.

Then we hope that as many families as possible will join us outside for a picnic lunch, weather permitting. **All children will have the same lunchtime from 12.15-1.10pm and will be offered a picnic lunch outside for their school lunch.**

The **Potted sports part of the day will run from 1.30-2.30pm** and then, once the scores have been counted up, the House Sports shield will be awarded to the winning House Captains.

The Parent Council are going to be running a refreshment stall as well which will be most welcome.

It would be great if the pupils could wear something in their House colours on the day. Bennachie is green, Fraser is red and Don is blue. If your child is unsure of their house, please just ask us.

The last time we were able to hold our Sports day in this format in 2019, it was a glorious day of sunshine and a roaring success, so fingers crossed for a repeat this year. It will be lovely to welcome our families and friends back for a school event.

Church Service

We are also delighted that we can visit Kemnay Parish Church on Fraser Place on Friday 1 July at 9.45am. All are welcome to join with us as we present our annual awards and mark the occasion of P7 leaving Alehousewells school and the end of a school year. There will be a collection at the door for our Charity of the year, Clan.

Dress as you please day

Our final Dress as you please day will be on Thursday 30 June with a suggested donation of £1 for Clan if you wish to.

Citizenship shield

Along with this email you will receive information about this year's Citizenship shield award. We are again asking for nominations to come from families and staff by Tuesday 31 May and this award, along with all our others will be presented at Kemnay Parish Church on Friday 1 July. Please email the school with your nomination and the reasons why.

PEF spending consultation

Many thanks to the parents and carers who took the time to respond. We had 41 responses to our 3 PEF surveys. You will shortly receive the collated results of this exercise for your information once it has been fully analysed. It is quite lengthy but contains mainly pie charts to show the results. Your feedback is important to us.

Updated Covid advice

From Sunday 1 May, public health advice changed to a 'stay at home' message and replaced self-isolation for people who have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19. As a result, people who have symptoms of Covid-19 and who have a fever or are too unwell to carry out normal activities are asked to stay at home while they are unwell or have a fever. They are no longer advised to take a PCR test.

These changes also saw testing for the general population and most contact tracing end on 30 April.

What this means is that children and young people (those aged 18 and under) with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough - but who are otherwise well - do not need to stay at home and can continue to attend education settings.

They should only stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature.

They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a fever, and they feel well enough to attend.

This guidance differs slightly to that for adults and reflects the fact that children and young people generally have a higher likelihood than adults of regular instances of respiratory symptoms from non-Covid illnesses.

Further information on the stay-at-home guidance and measures you can take to limit the spread of Covid-19 can be found at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/changes-from-1-may-2022/>

and on nhsinform.scot/covid19.

Jubilee Day, Wednesday 1 June

In consultation with our Task Force (Pupil council), we have decided to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday 1 June. We are asking that everyone come to school dressed in red, white or blue or as a King, Queen, Prince or Princess. We thought this would be manageable as everyone should have something at home to fit the bill. After the M and M performance of Oliver Twist in the morning, the rest of the day will be spent with each class celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with different themed activities and enjoying a special cup cake from our school kitchen. It promises to be a lovely day to mark that amazing achievement of the Queen's 70th year on the throne.



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 May 2022

My name _____

My child's name and class _____



Wed 22 June 6pm – New P1 parents evening.
Wed 22, Thur 23 and Fri 24 June – P7 to Academy
Fri 24 June 10.45-11.45am – Meet your new teacher
Thur 30 June – Dress as you please day.
Fri 1 July – Last day of term. Church service, Kemnay Church 9.45am, all welcome.
Tue 23 Aug – P2-7 pupils return

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

