



Alehousewells School Newsletter

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Tue 13 Sept – First Parent council meeting of the session, 6.30pm via Microsoft teams. All welcome.

Mon 3 Oct – Tempest photographer here to take individual and family photos. Home school folder sent home today.

Wed 5 Oct – Parents' evening (phonecalls)

Thur 6 Oct – Parents' evening (face to face).

Fri 14 Oct – Last day of term and Dress as you please day. Optional suggested £1 donation for our Charity of the year.

Mon 31 Oct – Return to school after holidays.

Thur 17 Nov and Fri 18 Nov – School and nursery closed for In service days.

Sat 3 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10am-12 noon.

Mon 12 Dec - P4/5-P7 show (Dress rehearsal) for OAPs 1.45pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now nearly at the end of week three of this term and the children have settled in well. I would like to share some more pieces of information with you.

Staffing

After more than 5 years at Alehousewells, Mrs Skinner is leaving this week to take up an exciting new post. We thank her for all the hard work and dedication to our children and families and wish her all the very best as she moves onto the next part of her journey.

Following interviews, Miss Sharp was appointed P2/3 teacher for the session. We are delighted to have her back at Alehousewells.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Laird who recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl. We send our best wishes to her new family.

House, Vice & Sports Captains

Please find below our new House, Vice and Sports Captains.

Bennachie

House Captain -Brooke Wilkie
Vice-Captain - Lewis Mackland
Sports Captain - Leah Diack

Fraser

House Captain – Lucy McLeod
Vice-Captain - Ryan Buxton
Sports Captain - Kady Gibbs

Don

House Captain -Freyja Williams
Vice-Captain - Connor Jaques
Sports Captain - Imogen Donald

Yet again, Mrs Fraser and I were very impressed with the quality of the application forms and the interviews from the prospective captains. Well done to all who took part in this process.

Free School Meals for Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils

The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of free school meals to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. The government's decision was made to allow further work with COSLA, the national association of Scottish councils, and all local authorities to fully assess the financial and infrastructure challenges that have been highlighted for the final phase of the expansion plans. We will be in touch with further information when a decision is taken by the government to progress the roll-out to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils.

Library helpers

We are keen to get our classes back using our Library again, like they did pre Covid, but we really need parent and carer volunteers for this to happen. The job would involve getting the library ready for the classes to visit, recording which books the pupils have borrowed, returning borrowed books to the right place, tidying up and mending any books. We used to have 2 volunteers in at a time to suit yourselves so you are not on your own as it can be busy! If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. There is a process that we need to go through to 'recruit' you as a volunteer but please do not let this put you off if you are interested as we will help you every step of the way. It would also involve getting a PVG but all costs are borne by the Council.

Tue 13 Dec – P1-P3/4 Nativity 9.30am & P4/5 – P7 Show 1.45pm

Wed 14 Dec - P1-P3/4 Nativity 2pm & P4/5 – P7 Show 6.30pm

Tue 20 Dec - P6 & 7 Christmas party pm

Wed 21 Dec – P4 & 5 Christmas party am & P1-3 Christmas party pm

Thur 22 Dec – M & M Productions here to present Cinderella at 2pm, early lunch today. Dress as you please day with optional suggested donation of £1 for Charity of the year.

Fri 23 Dec – Last day of term. Church service 9.45am.

Mon 9 Jan – Return to school after holidays.

Garioch Community Kitchen

Are aiming to get children preparing, cooking and eating healthy food whilst having fun. They are running a 4-week course for children aged 8 – 11 years, classes every Monday 19th Sep – 10th October 4 – 6pm. The course is free with everything included. Only payment required is £5 booking fee per child (unless in receipt of benefits). To apply for a space please email: gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 07729 297892

School Task Force (Pupil Council)

This year, the class representatives for the Task Force are as follows:

P1/2 - Bella McIntosh & Megan King

P2/3 - Ava Brown & Elspeth Moynagh

P3/ - Lexi Larsen

P4/5 -Aiden Milne

P6 -Ruaraidh Urquhart

P7 - Connor Jaques

The Task Force meet with me regularly to discuss various aspects of school life and help make the school the best it can be.

Eco Committee

This year, the class representatives for the Eco committee are:

P1/2- James Nicol & Inga Rokosz

P2/3 – Millie Gillies & Aaron Mortimer

P3/4 – Alexander Herning & Amelia Milne

P4/5 - Jasmine Thomson

P6 - James Brown

P7 - Kady Gibbs

Staff plan to meet with the Eco committee regularly to continue working on achieving our next Eco Schools level award.

Digital Leaders

We also have Digital leaders who will support the use and storage of Technology in school from the following classes.

P3/4 – Morgan Gavin & Abii Beaton

P4/5 – Evan Williams & Philip Soper

P6 - Liam Jackson & Blair King

P7 - Brooke Wilkie & Logan Masson

Mrs Alexander plans to meet with the Digital leaders regularly.

Parent Teacher phone appointments

We have decided to offer our forthcoming Parent / Teacher appointments with an option for you to choose either a phonecall or a face-to-face appointment. Prior to Covid, our meetings were always face to face, but Covid restrictions meant we had to move to phonecalls. We received positive feedback about how handy phonecalls were so have decided to offer both this session in an attempt to meet everyone's needs. We are offering a 10-minute phone call with your child's teacher on Wednesday 5 October or a 10-minute face to face meeting on Thursday 6 October from 4pm. Please look out for a Microsoft Form for you to submit your responses so that we can organise times and return these to you in plenty time. Thank you.

Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of this school session will take place on Tuesday 13 September between 6.30 and 8pm via Microsoft Teams. Please ask at the school office for the link to join. All are welcome.

Home school folder

On Monday 3 October, you will receive your child's Home school Folder for you to look through. This will contain any written work that your child has completed the week before. There will, of course, be other activities that will not be represented in this folder because they are active eg PE, Music or Drama. You may also be sent information via Marvellous Me which shows work completed. The idea is for you to see examples of the work your child might typically do in a week and for you and your child to have an opportunity to discuss their learning. We hope you will enjoy the chance to see your child's work and ask that you complete the feedback sheet before returning the folder to school by the following Monday please. Thank you.

Tempest photographer

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Monday 3 October to take all Nursery and school pupils individually and with any siblings who attend our school and Nursery. Please look out for a Microsoft Form for you to indicate if you would like a sibling group as well as an individual photo. We do ask the photographer to take every child's photo if possible as we upload onto our records in the Office. Many thanks.

Christmas dates

You will see I have added Christmas dates into the Diary dates section. Further information will be forthcoming nearer the time.

Relax kids

Mrs Hendrick has started to run Relax kids sessions for P1/2, P2/3 and P3/4. Relax Kids offers a unique system of children's relaxation and mindfulness that will help children decrease stress and anxiety, increase attention span and improve concentration. Relax Kids also supports good mental health, pupil self-esteem and resilience. The children are thoroughly enjoying the sessions so far and we hope you too can see the benefits in the children. P4/5, P6 and P7's sessions will be run after the October holidays. We also hope to run a parents and carers session.

Flu Vaccinations

Could I please remind parents/carers to return these forms to the School as soon as possible. The deadline for these is Fri 23rd Sept. Any questions regarding School Flu Vaccinations please contact the team at Garioch Vaccination Centre : gram.inverurievacadmin@nhs.scot
Many thanks.

Annual Data Check

It is vital that the information we hold for your child is up to date should we need to make contact in an emergency. The annual data check has therefore been sent out via Parentsportal. Those who have yet to sign up are encouraged to do so as a matter of urgency. Can we ask that you pay particular attention to any medical notes that may require updating and ask that all outstanding forms are completed ASAP. Any changes required are submitted on Parentsportal. Thank you.

The Queen

Today, all classes will have taken the time to discuss with the children the very sad passing of The Queen yesterday at an age and stage appropriate level. On Monday, we will have an Assembly about the Queen and will include information about a Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative book which has been gifted to every child in state funded primary school education in the UK. It is a beautifully illustrated book which covers the Queen's reign and the Jubilee, descriptions of the Commonwealth and the nations of the UK, key historical events and figures, inventions and achievements. It is intended to be accessible to all primary school children. The material is woven together via an appealing narrative in which a young girl learns from and is inspired by items collected in a treasure box owned by her great grandmother. All pupils will receive their copy of the book on Monday.





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

Carol Hughes.

Carol Hughes

HEAD TEACHER

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, September 2022

My name _____

My child's name and class _____