



Alehousewells School Newsletter

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Alehousewells School

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact:
Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

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

Wed 23 Nov – Coffee morning in aid of Friends of Anchor, 9.30-11.30.

Tue 29 Nov – Virtual Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Sat 3 Dec – School Christmas Fair, 10am – 12 noon. Further information to follow.

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

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

Thur 15 Dec – Nursery and pupil Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper / accessory day

Tue 20 Dec - P6 & 7 Christmas party pm

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all enjoyed the October holidays and took the opportunity to rest and recharge your batteries. Welcome to Hope who has joined us in P2/3. I hope you and your family will settle into life here at Alehousewells school and will enjoy being part of our friendly and welcoming community

Dress as you please day for Friends of Anchor

We enjoyed a Dress as you please day on the last day of term before the holidays. We raised £54.46 for Friends of Anchor. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this fantastic amount.

School closed for In service days

A reminder that the school is closed to all pupils on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 November for In service day training for staff.

Staffing news

Welcome back to Miss Singer who has returned as a student teacher in P6 for the next 5 weeks.

Sadly, it's goodbye to Mrs Hendrick who is unfortunately leaving us on 29 November to take up a permanent position elsewhere. We will really miss Mrs Hendrick and thank her for all the hard work and commitment to the pupils and families here at Alehousewells school. Best wishes from us all.

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper / accessory day

The pupils' and Nursery Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 15 December. Further information about food options for pupils will be forthcoming in due course. This will also be a Christmas jumper / accessory day. We have a small stock of preloved Christmas jumpers which will be available during the month of December to take or indeed swap one of your own for. Further information about this will also be issued soon.

Parties

The P6 & 7 party is on Tuesday 20 December (pm), and the P4 & 5 (am) and the P1-3 (pm) parties are on Wednesday 21 December. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on these days.

Christmas Fair

Next week, information will be sent home about our Christmas Fair. We would really appreciate any donations or offers of help.

Christmas Shows

P4/5, P6 and P7 are busy practising for their Christmas show, Having Fun at Christmas, and are presenting our dress rehearsal to OAPs on Monday 12 December at 1.45pm (**early lunches that day, P4/5 - P7 = 11.45-12.40 and P1/2 – P3/4 = 12-12.55**) and then to all parents and carers on Tuesday 13 December at 1.45pm (**early lunch at 11.45-12.40 for P4/5 – P7 and 12-12.55 for P1/2 – P3/4**) and Wednesday 14 December at 6.30pm. **Please let us know asap if your child will not be able to return to school that evening for this performance.** P1/2, P2/3 and P3/4 are also busy rehearsing for their Nativity, Och Aye the News! which is being presented to parents and carers on Tuesday 13 December at 9.30 and Wednesday 14 December at 2pm (**early lunch for P4/5 - P7 = 12-12.55 and 12.15-1.10 for P1/2 – P3/4**). **Information about the selling of tickets will be sent home soon.**

Thur 22 Dec – M & M Productions here to present Cinderella at 2pm, early lunch today (**Early lunches P4/5 – P7 = 11.45-12.40 and P1/2 – P3/4 = 12-12.55**). Dress as you please day with optional suggested donation of £1 for Charity of the year.

Fri 23 Dec – Last day of term.

Mon 9 Jan – Return to school after holidays.

M & M Production of Cinderella, Thursday 22 December, 2pm

We are looking forward to M & M productions returning on 22 December to perform Cinderella. To help to cover the costs of this pantomime, which is £1999, we kindly ask that those families who can afford to, pay £5 per child, which can be paid by cash or bank transfer anytime **between now and 16 December**. If you cannot afford to pay, don't worry. Just let us know in the strictest confidence. Your child will still get to see the panto. If anyone feels that they can pay for a child whose family are struggling financially, then there is Pay it forward. Just let us know when you are paying that the extra money is to pay for a family who can't. The remaining cost of the show will be split between the Parent Council and the school. The school bank details are as follows. Please remember to note who your child is when paying and if you are also kindly paying it forward. Thank you.

Alehousewells School Fund

Virgin Money, 26 West High Street

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Hallowe'en Disco

After several years, the Parent council were able to hold their first disco back in the school hall again recently. This spooktacular disco was held on Thursday 3 November and what a huge effort had gone into the costumes and make up this year!

Many thanks to the parents, carers and school staff who helped with the Disco, and to the DJ (Craig Thomson) who did a great job too.

Parent Council meeting

The next virtual Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 29 November from 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams. All welcome. Here is the link to join.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Coffee morning in aid of Friends of Anchor

We hope that as many parents, carers, friends, family and members of the community can join us on Wednesday 23 November for our Coffee morning between 9.30 and 11.30. Entrance is via the door nearest the Hall that we use for Discos and events held in the Hall in the past. Your entry fee (£2 for adults and £1 for concessions – OAPs and children, including our pupils) will allow you a drink and up to 2 cakes. If you wish, you can collect your child from their class, and they can join you at the Coffee morning too. We would really appreciate any donations of baking or raffles. Please drop anything off at the school by Tuesday afternoon please. We look forward to seeing you there and helping us raise money for Friends of Anchor.

Cauliflower cards

Many thanks to everyone who ordered items from Cauliflower cards. We hope you were pleased with your children's artwork and that any items ordered are also of a high standard. The school gets some commission from all sales which we really appreciate.

Alehousewells School invites you to our
Coffee morning
in aid of Friends of Anchor



Wednesday 23 November, 9.30-11.30am.

Entry is £2 per adult and £1 for concessions. All welcome.

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a fine piece and a chance to win a raffle.

Donations of home bakes and raffle prizes gratefully received.

Please contact the School office on 01467 536910 or alehousewells.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for more information.

The Purple Walk REvived in aid of Friends of Anchor

Alehousewells school is delighted to be involved in the organisation of The Purple Walk REvived, being held in Kemnay on Sunday 26 March. This is another fundraiser to raise vital money for Friends of Anchor. Sign up details are below!

Fb: The Purple Walk REvived

Email: thepurplewalkrevived@mail.com

Contact: Caroline @ 07765002338

Sunday 26th March 2023

10 am Kemnay Social & Bowling Club.

REVIVED



The Purple Walk

10K for Friends of Anchor

Kemnay

Sunday March 26th 2023



Live life Aberdeenshire – Cosy bosie project 2022

Live life Aberdeenshire recently launched their Cosy Bosie project on Tuesday 1st November. A cosy bosie can be a knitted or crochet hat, gloves, scarf, baby cardigan, jumper, lap blanket, blanket, dementia item etc. that are donated to libraries from crafters in our communities and distributed to those in need. They are inviting those who knit or crochet to donate woolly items for those in need in their communities. Items can be dropped off at one of the libraries.

They asked that we share the project with you to make you aware that they will soon be receiving donated items for distribution. If you or someone you know would benefit from a cosy item, please speak to us in school or nursery or email libraries@aberdeenshire.gov.uk directly and a member of the library team will be in touch with you to find out what is required.

In the winter of 2020, they had just over 1600 donated items from local people that they distributed to those in need. If you would like to find out more about the project click on the link provided <https://www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/live-life-at-home/cosy-bosie/>

Remembrance

Amelia and Abii from P3/4 did a fantastic job of selling poppies around the classes for Poppy Scotland. All classes observed a minute's silence today to remember the service men and women who have lost their lives in conflict and war.

P7 attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War memorial today, along with P7 from Kemnay Primary and a group from Kemnay Academy. They marked the solemn occasion with Rev Joshua Mickelson, Kemnay Parish Church Minister, and were a credit for their respectful manner.



PE clothing reminder

We are happy for pupils to either come dressed in PE kit, **as long as the top half is still uniform**, or to bring a bag containing PE kit for them to get changed in school which will be sent home on a Friday to get washed. If possible, PE Kit consists of – T shirt which tucks into shorts, standard length shorts, socks and gym shoes preferably with Velcro or elastic fastening for younger pupils, however, we understand that for those coming dressed in PE kit, they may be wearing joggers or leggings.

Adverse weather arrangements

It is coming to the time of year when 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 logging 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. Along with this Newsletter, you will receive a 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 have to close the school during the day due to bad weather, we will send out a message to this effect, as well as putting the information on the website. Please keep us informed if your emergency contact details change during the year. Many thanks.

Library helpers

Many thanks to the staff, parents and children who helped revamp our school Library during the October holidays. You did a fantastic job, and it is looking amazing and ready for all our children to start visiting weekly to borrow a book. We have one parent who has kindly volunteered to come in on a Monday morning when the classes will come to choose and return their books, but it would be great if anyone else was free then and able to help too. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you!

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

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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, November 2022

My name _____

My child's name and class _____