



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:

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

Mon 12 Dec - P4/5-P7 show (Dress rehearsal) for OAPs 1.45pm. Early lunches 11.45 & 12.

Tue 13 Dec – P1-P3/4 Nativity 9.30am & P4/5 – P7 Show 1.45pm. Early lunches 11.45 & 12.

Wed 14 Dec - P1-P3/4 Nativity 2pm & P4/5 – P7 Show 6.30pm. Early lunches 12 & 12.15.

Thur 15 Dec – Pupil & Nursery 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

Thur 22 Dec – M & M Productions here to present Cinderella at 1.50pm, early lunches 11.45 & 12. 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.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the beginning of December, the weeks are hurtling towards Christmas, so it is time to update you with some more information.

Free Period Products

Schools are required to provide sanitary products free of charge to young people. The Period Product Regulations came into force on 19 October 2020 and place a duty on Local Authorities to make period products available in schools. You can also request sanitary products directly to your house from the following link:

[Our Free Period Aberdeenshire Sanitary Products Order Form \(office.com\)](#)

Poppy Scotland

We were delighted to receive a certificate recently to say that we raised £78.44 for Poppy Scotland from the sale of poppies in school. Well done, Alehousewells!



Coffee morning for Friends of Anchor

A huge thank you to everyone who donated anything, helped or attended our recent Coffee morning for Friends of Anchor. Following a last-minute donation, our final total was an amazing £825!

Tue 24 Jan - Parent council meeting @ 6.30pm. In school but with the option to join virtually.

Thur 9, Fri 10 & Mon 13 Feb – School closed for holidays.

Tue 14 & Wed 15 Feb – School closed for In service days.

Mon 6 March – Home school folders sent home.

Fri 10 March – Written reports issued to parents and carers.

Wed 22 and Thur 23 March – Teacher parent appointments from 4pm.

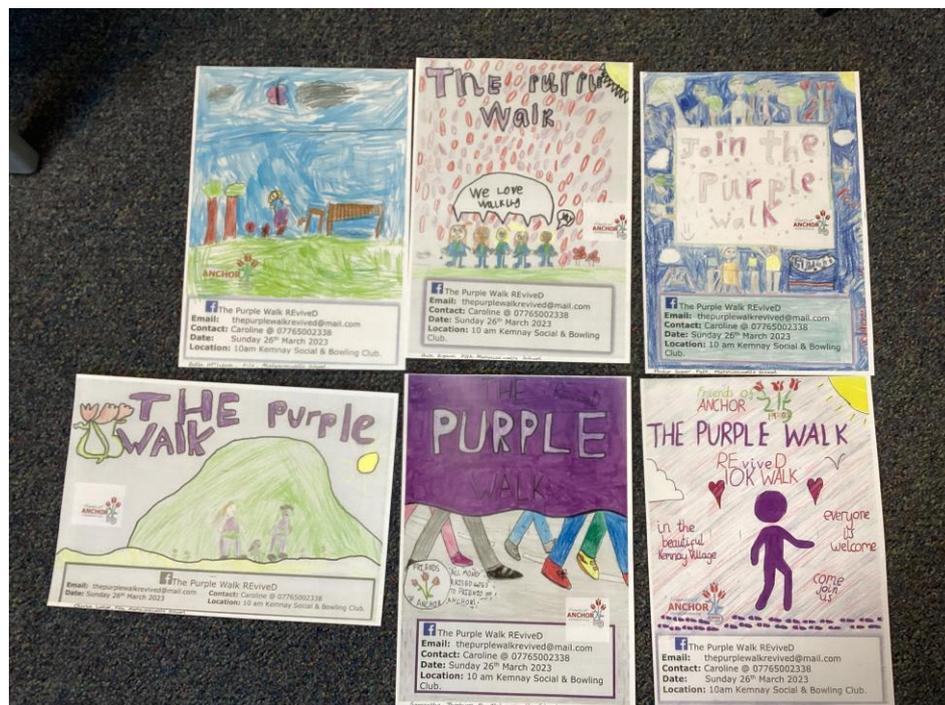
Thur 30 March – Dress as you please day.

Fri 31 March – Last day of term.

Mon 17 April – Back to school.

The Purple walk REVIVED poster winners

Each child designed a poster recently to advertise the Purple walk REVIVED, which is happening on 26 March. One winner was chosen from each class, and these will be copied and used in local shops and public facilities to advertise the event. The winners were: Bella McIntosh P1/2, Ava Brown P2/3, Olivia Laoye P3/4, Philip Soper P4/5, Samantha Thorburn P6 and Leah Diack P7. Well done everyone.



Seasons for Growth

We recently ran a Seasons for Growth group with four pupils from P6 and P7. The idea behind Seasons is to support children to understand the impact of loss and change and build resilience so that they can deal with any changes they may experience in the future. We are lucky to have several staff trained as Seasons for Growth companions. This group was run by Mrs Hendrick and Mrs McConnachie.



Christmas cards

With Christmas fast approaching, you may be beginning to think about Christmas cards. A few years ago, we started a new tradition for the giving and receiving of cards. As you know, we aspire to be an eco-friendly school and issues such as saving trees, reducing waste, recycling and caring for our planet are at the heart of what we do. The giving and receiving of a Christmas card is still considered to be part of our Christmas preparations. But here is something to think about:

In previous years, approximately 4000 cards were exchanged within our school each Christmas! In 2019, staff and pupils managed to reduce that total to well under 200 without losing the spirit of Christmas.

This year we have the potential to reduce that total even further and really put some thought into what we write and the wishes we send. If you wish, each child can bring one card to school for their class rather than individual cards. Staff will also not be distributing cards to each other either. Instead, we plan to donate the money we would have spent on a pack of cards to Friends of Anchor, our charity of the year. This idea will vastly reduce the money everyone needs to spend on cards and at the same time, help the environment.

Safety

To ensure that all children are safe, can I ask that all parents and carers keep an eye on their children before and after school and nursery to make sure that they do not hurt themselves. Many thanks.

Preloved Christmas jumpers

We have a small stock of preloved Christmas jumpers which are available during the month of December in the entrance vestibule for you to take or indeed swap one of your own.



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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Potential strike action – Thursday 8 December

Following on from the letter you received yesterday from Vincent Docherty, I can confirm that Alehousewells school will not be closed on Thursday 8 December due to strike action but will be **open as usual**.

Raring2Go – a message for our families

We are at the start of the Christmas season – Aberdeen City's Christmas lights are up, and across the rest of the area we are getting excited about the many local town Christmas Tree Light switch on events too! We have been delivering the printed copies of the Winter issue (Issue 63) over the last few days and the rest will be delivered this coming week, BUT meanwhile here is the link to the Winter 2022 issue:

LINK <http://bit.ly/3V91Lvd>

School Christmas Fair tomorrow, 10am – 12 noon

Many thanks to everyone who has donated items for our Christmas Fair tomorrow. However, there is still time to donate cake and candy or volunteer to help. All offers very welcome! We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school for this event and I hope it will be a successful one, raising lots of money for each class to spend on a school trip this year.



Christmas Fair-
Saturday 10 - 12
in the School hall

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, December 2022

My name _____

My child's name and class _____