



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 7

December 2022-2023



## Alehousewells School

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## Emergency Contact Details Update

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

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

Emergency Contact:

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Diary Dates:

**Fri 23 Dec** – Last day of term. Church service at Kemnay Parish church, 9.45am, all welcome. Silver collection for Friends of Anchor.

**Mon 9 Jan** – Return to school after holidays.

**Tue 10 Jan**- School closed for strike action. Nursery still open.

**Tue 17 Jan** – ALEC here. Parents session 2.45-3.15. Further information to follow

**Fri 20 Jan** – ALEC here.

**Tue 24 Jan** – In person Parent council meeting, 6.30pm. All welcome. If unable to attend in person, a link can be provided on request to join virtually.

**Thur 9, Fri 10 & Mon 13 Feb** – School closed for mid-term holidays.

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

**Mon 6 March** – Home school folder sent home.

**Fri 10 March** – Written reports issued.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the last day of this term so there are a few items of information I would like to share with you before we break up for the holidays.

## School Christmas Fair

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the welcome return of our Christmas Fair. It was really busy with a lovely atmosphere. Thanks also to everyone who donated items or helped on the day. We couldn't have had such a successful event without parents, staff and pupils' help and contributions. We raised a magnificent **£1693.43**, which we have divided across the classes to spend on a school trip this session, which is a fantastic amount in this current financial climate.

A special thank you to Matthew Gibb and Alexander Hering who donated their preloved Nerf items after having a clear out at home. We made £58 at this stall. Thank you for caring about the school and thinking about us in this way.



## Penguin box winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Samantha Thorburn P6 - £100**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kristine Jercuma c/o Linda Rakovska P2/3**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Martin Milne c/o Amelia Milne P3/4.**

## Friends of Anchor

We collected £94.77 from the sale of programmes at the school shows, which combined with the £18 donations on Christmas jumper/ Dress as you please day, the collection at the Church today (£17.50), along with donations from staff in lieu of sending Christmas Cards (£74), and £52.77 from the sale of bracelets made by 3 girls from P6 & 7, this makes a grand total of £257.04 to go to Friends of Anchor. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

**Wed 22 March** – Parents evening from 4pm.

**Thur 23 March** – Parents evening from 4pm.

**Thur 30 March** – Dress as you please day.

**Fri 31 March** – Last day of term. Church service at Kemnay Parish church, 9.45am. All welcome.

**Mon 17 April**- Back to school.

### **Och aye the news! and Having fun at Christmas**

The children were amazing at their shows last week, and sang, danced, spoke and acted so well. We know that you enjoyed Having fun at Christmas from P4/5-7 and Och aye the news! from P1/2- P3/4, as we have had some lovely comments from audience members. If you still have to return your evaluation sheet, it is not too late!



Because of the disruption to performances on Wednesday due to snow, you will already have received an email with instructions for you to access a private You tube channel. This is completely safe and secure and will allow you to see a recording of your child's show. Only the recipients of the link will be able to view it and you will not be able to forward it on to anyone else as this is how we can guarantee the high levels of security. We realise that watching a recording is not the same as being there in person, but we hope that if you were unable to attend any of the performances, then this will give you a flavour of the shows. It has been a real challenge to upload these two videos because of the length but after a few days, we managed. My thanks go to all staff involved in getting these videos onto Youtube for you to watch.

### **Infection and prevention control**

We are already into the season where colds and illness rise; please do not put your child to school if they are unwell. Please let us know that your child will be off and the reason why. You can either email the school or call the office on 01467 536910. If we do not get a notification of why your child is absent, the school office will send a text and / or phone to seek a reason for the absence.

**The revised guidelines state that children who have been sick or had diarrhoea (regardless of cause) must remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/ diarrhoea and 48 hours after they have had a normal bowel movement.**

## P1 enrolment

Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2023. Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2023 should register their children for the appropriate local primary school. To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

You will be asked to bring the items below with you when your child starts the transition process properly which is between April and July.

- the child's birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer's home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

Aberdeenshire Education & Children's Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

## Panto

Many thanks to everyone who was able to pay £5 for their child to see Cinderella yesterday. It was a great performance, and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thanks also to the families who generously paid it forward, thus helping 29 families who are struggling financially just now. Your kindness is really appreciated, especially at this time of year. Finally, thanks to the Parent Council who also contributed £625 to the cost of the Panto.





## School values awards

At Assembly this week, the latest round of children received our CARES school values badges. It was a lovely celebration, 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.

### P1/2

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Carter Walters</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Isla Hosie</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Megan King</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Kayllen Stephen</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Freya Maciver</b>

### P2/3

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Ava Brown</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Aaron Mortimer</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Megan Laoye</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Hope Findlay</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Lucas Sangster</b>

### P3/4

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Willow Findlay</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Olivia Laoye</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>George Wiggins-Morris</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Alexander Herning</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Lexi Larsen</b>

### P4/5

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Hope Wilkie</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Toria Gordon</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Logan Stuart</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Jasmine Thomson</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Ellie Ross</b>

### P6

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Sam Thorburn</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Zack Dunbar</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Kadi-Lei Gavin</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Ethan Shek</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Logan Rawlinson-Yule</b>

### P7

<b>Caring</b>	<b>Ryan Buxton</b>
<b>Achieving</b>	<b>Lily-Kate Laing</b>
<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Imogen Donald</b>
<b>Encouraging</b>	<b>Brooke Wilkie</b>
<b>Supporting</b>	<b>Kady Gibbs</b>



**Neil Johnstone Memorial Award for Creativity in the Expressive Arts for P1-3/4 and P4/5-7**

Today, at our end of term Church service, we presented these awards for the third time. They were created to remember one of our parents who sadly died in 2019. Neil Johnstone loved music and singing so we an award in the Creative Arts (Music, Drama and Art) is fitting.

Very well done to the recipients of the awards who were chosen for their contributions to our Christmas performances. There were many pupils to choose from but the awards this year go to:

Lilly Asher – (P1-P3/4)

Ryan Buxton – (P4/5 – P7)

Thank you for your continued support of the school this term. Whatever your circumstances, I hope that you are able to enjoy some family time with a chance to rest and recharge your batteries.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address

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*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, December 2022

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

My child's name and class \_\_\_\_\_