



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

**Wed 20 Sept** – Tempest photographer here to take individual and family photos.

**Mon 2 Oct** - Home school folder sent home today.

**Tue 3 Oct** – Parent council AGM 6.30pm – All welcome.

**Wed 11 Oct** – Parents' evening (face to face).

**Thur 12 Oct** – Parents' evening (phonecalls). Further information to follow.

**Fri 13 Oct** – Last day of term and dress as you please day.

**Mon 30 Oct** – Return to school.

**Thur 2 Nov** – Parent council school disco, 6.30-8pm. Further information to follow.

**Thur 16 Nov and Fri 17 Nov** – School and nursery closed for In service days.

**Sat 2 Dec** – School Christmas Fair, 10am – 12 noon.

**Fri 15 Dec** - £10 Panto payment by today please.

**Wed 20 Dec** – Dress as you please day.

**Thur 21 Dec** – Whole school trip to Rapunzel at Aberdeen Arts centre.

**Fri 22 Dec** – Last day of term.

**Mon 8 Jan** – Return to school.

## Dear Alehousewells families,

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

## House, Vice & Sports Captains

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

**Bennachie**                      House Captain    - Kady Gavin  
    Vice-Captain     - Annabella Beda  
    Sports Captain   - Blair King

**Fraser**                              House Captain – Ethan Shek  
    Vice-Captain    - Derryn Fleming  
    Sports Captain   - Orla Massie

**Don**                                 House Captain    - Samantha Thorburn  
    Vice-Captain     - Ellie Sorrie  
    Sports Captain   - Harmony Sim

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, and to those who were unsuccessful, don't be disappointed but be proud of having the confidence and courage to put yourself forward for a Captain role.

## Tempest photographer

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September to take all Nursery and school pupils individually and with any siblings who attend our school and Nursery. Please find below a Microsoft Form for you to indicate if you would like a sibling group as well as an individual photo. Please respond by next Monday at the latest. We do ask the photographer to take every child's photo if possible as we upload onto our records in the Office. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NG1sC2zsJP>

## Whole school trip to Aberdeen Arts centre to see Rapunzel

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have booked for P1-7 to visit Aberdeen Arts centre on the morning of Thursday 21 December to see the panto, Rapunzel. We used to go to Aberdeen every second year to see a Panto before Covid so are very excited to be able to do this again. The Parent council are kindly paying for the buses but, where possible, parents and carers are asked to pay for their child's ticket which costs **£10 by 15 December**. You are welcome to pay in instalments if this is helpful. As in previous years, no child will miss out if a family is unable to afford to pay. Please speak to us in the strictest confidence if this is the case. We also welcome any family who feels that, as well as paying for their own child, that they can "Pay it forward" for a family who is struggling. Payment for your own child or another can be made as follows:

Cash in a labelled envelope to the school office

By bank transfer with child name/pay it forward as reference -Virgin Money

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### **Homework consultation**

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the Homework consultation in June. The opinion of the majority of respondents was to keep the arrangements as they are, so we will continue to issue Reading homework only but provide guidance for further activities that can be done at home to extend your child's learning should you wish. We appreciate everything our families do to support their children's learning as most progress happens when home and school work together.

### **School Task Force (Pupil Council)**

This year, the class representatives for the Task Force (Pupil council) are as follows:

P1 – Orlagh MacDonald & Parker McRae

P2/3 – Isla Hosie

P3/4 - Lily Coull

P4/5 – Erynn-Lily Sim

P5/6 – Willow Findlay

P7 - Blair King

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:

P3/4 – Calvin Gauld & Lucie McHaffie

P4/5 – George Wiggins-Morris & Olivia Laoye

P5/6 - Philip Soper

P7 - Alan Hird

Staff plan to meet with the Eco committee regularly to continue working on achieving our next Eco Schools flag to add to the two we have achieved already.

### **Digital Leaders**

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

P3/4 – Lucas Sangster & Ava Brown

P4/5 – Alasdair Moynagh & Jessica Lace

P5/6 - Ailsa Wilkie & Leo Creevy

P7 - Holly Forbes & Ruaraidh Urquhart

Mrs Alexander plans to meet with the Digital leaders regularly.

### **Rights respecting group**

P3/4 – Aaron Mortimer & Mia Spurgeon

P4/5 – Morgan Gavin & Amelia Milne

P5/6 – Ellie Ross & Aidan Milne

P7 – Derryn Fleming & Liam Jackson

### **Home school folder**

On Monday 2 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.

### **Update from Raring2Go:**

*After 16 amazing years owning and running Raring2go! Aberdeen & Aberdeenshire I have decided it is time for me to hang up my editor hat and start a new chapter. Raring2go! is a franchise and my agreement has just ended (31 August) and I have decided that I am not going to sign up for another five-year term. I have been looking for someone to take over the business and the franchise for a while but haven't found the right person sadly! But there maybe someone who comes along soon and takes it up – watch this space. Meanwhile, HO have a digital issue for you - the first one which I have worked on with them, is out now. Here is the link to the Autumn 2023 issue:*

**LINK** <https://bit.ly/3R9OgfB>

### **Relationships, Sexual health and Parenting (RSHP) policy**

Many thanks also to everyone who responded to our RSHP consultation in August. Our policy is now ready to be adopted and has been uploaded onto our school website for your reference.

### **Parent council AGM**

All parents and carers are invited to the forthcoming Parent council AGM. It is being held on Tuesday 3 October from 6.30pm in school but there is also the option to join via Microsoft teams. Please find the link below to click on to join the meeting. All welcome!

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **Library helpers**

We are really keen to get our classes back using our Library again, 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. We currently have one Library volunteer who works on a Wednesday morning so are ideally looking for a second person who is available then also. Can you help?

### **Tesco Community grant scheme (blue tokens)**

We are trying to raise enough money to install a Sensory garden in the playground. We are part of the Tesco blue token scheme until the end of September. If you are able to add your tokens into the Alehousewells container at Inverurie Tesco, we would really appreciate it. We have a chance of receiving between £500 and £1500 towards installation costs and every little helps! Many thanks.

*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 2023

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

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

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### **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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