



# 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:

**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), 4-6.30pm.

**Thur 12 Oct** – Parents' evening (phonecalls), 4-6.30pm.

**Fri 13 Oct** – Last day of term and dress as you please day, optional suggested donation of £1 for the British Red Cross.

**Mon 30 Oct** – Return to school.

**Thur 2 Nov** – Parent Council school disco, 6.30-8pm.

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

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

**Mon 11 Dec** – P4/5-P7 Show Dress rehearsal to OAPs 1.45pm.

**Tue 12 Dec** – P4/5 – P7 show 6.30pm

**Wed 13 Dec** – P1-P3/4 Nativity 9.30am. P4/5 – P7 show 1.45pm.

**Thur 14 Dec** – P1-P3/4 Nativity 2pm.

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

**Mon 18 Dec** – P4 & 5 party pm.

**Thur 19 Dec** – P6 & 7 party pm.

**Wed 20 Dec** – Dress as you please day. Nursery party am. P1-3 party pm.

**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,

With less than 2 weeks to go until the October holidays, there are some items of information that I need to share with you.

### Home school folder

Today, you will receive your child's Home School Folder for you to look through, unless your child is in P3/4. Due to Mrs Brooks being absent last week, this class's folders will come home next Monday. The folders will contain any written work that your child has completed the previous week. 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 **next Monday** please. Thank you.

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

You will be aware that 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	Alehousewells Primary School Fund
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### 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 (please enter via the front door) 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 delighted that our classes are back using our Library again, but we really need another parent/carers volunteer for this to happen smoothly. 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. 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?

### **Rights respecting schools award (RRSA)**

We are delighted to have been awarded our Bronze: Rights committed award. This is the first stage of the Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). The staff and pupils have worked hard to get to this stage and have great plans for achieving the Silver award. Well done!

### **Staffing**

Some parents have been asking for an appointment with our Learning support teacher, Mrs Campbell, at the forthcoming Parents' evenings. Unfortunately, she has been off ill this term, so this is not possible at the moment but we will organise something once Mrs Campbell returns.

### **Wet and cold weather clothing**

Please find attached a reminder for wet and cold weather clothing, now that we are well into Autumn.

### **Tempest photographer**

The last date for ordering photos for free delivery to school is this Wednesday 4th October.

### **Charity of the year – British Red Cross**

Following consultation with staff, parents, carers and pupils, I can confirm that our Charity of the year is the British Red Cross.



### **Cauliflower cards**

This term we have decided to participate in the Cauliflower Cards Xmas project. Your child is creating their own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs. Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form (paper copy coming home with your child very soon). Please remember to tick the box on the order form to let us know that you have placed an order. It is important that you only return the artwork if you have placed an order, if not please keep these at home to avoid confusion. Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

**All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest!**

### **Playleaders**

Well done to our P7s who have been recently trained as Play leaders. This means they will now be running lunchtime activities for all pupils in the playground as follows, weather permitting:

**Monday & Wednesday – P1, P2/3 & P3/4**

**Tuesday & Thursday – P4/5, P5/6 & P7.**

### **Christmas dates**

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

### **Dress as you please day**

Friday 13 October is a Dress as you please day as a thank you for looking so smart in school uniform the rest of the term. If you wish, you can give a £1 donation to go towards our Charity of the year, the British Red Cross.

### **Lost Property**

There is a large quantity of unnamed uniform and jackets in Lost property again. I will put these out at the back gate in the last week of term, weather permitting, and at the face-to-face Parents' evening on Wednesday 11 October. Please label your child's belongings so that they can be returned to them, thanks.

### Uniform

We have several bags of preloved uniform as well as bags of brand-new school clothes donated by Abernecessities at the Office. Please help yourself to anything that you can use. Weather permitting, I will also try and put these out at the back gate in the last week of term and at Parents' evening on 11.10.23.

### ParentsPortal

Please find attached an updated Parentsportal letter, with good information on how to link (if not already done so), also info on how to apply for free bus travel for your child.

*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, October 2023

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

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



### 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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