



Alehousewells School Newsletter

NL 4 – November 2023-2024



Alehousewells School

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Tue 7 Nov – Parent council meeting, 6.30pm. All welcome.

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

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

Wed 6 Dec – Nursery Christmas lunch.

Thur 7 Dec - Pupil Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper/accessory day.

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,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope you all enjoyed the October holidays and took the opportunity to rest and recharge your batteries, despite the weather.

Welcome to Destiny and Nevaeh who have joined us in P4/5 & P1 respectively. 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.

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 21st 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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PE clothing reminder

We are happy for pupils to either come dressed in PE kit on PE days, **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/closure 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 Closure 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.

Dress as you please day for the British Red Cross

We enjoyed a Dress as you please day on the last day of term before the holidays. We raised £60.64 for the British Red Cross. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this fantastic amount.

School closed for In-service days

A reminder that the school and nursery are closed to all pupils on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November for In-service day training for staff.

Staffing news

Welcome back to Miss Ross who has returned as a student teacher in P4/5 for the next 5 weeks. Welcome also to Miss Donahoe who has joined us in P7 until 8th December, returning in January for another 3 weeks as a Student teacher.

Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco

The Parent council held their first disco of the year last night. What a huge effort had gone into the costumes and make up!

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 Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 7th November from 6.30pm in school. There is also the option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams. All welcome. Here is the link to join.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Parent Council Facebook page

The Parent Council can be found on Facebook under "Alehousewells Parents Page."

<https://www.facebook.com/AlehousewellsParents>

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper / accessory day

The pupils' Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 7th 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. Nursery Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 6th December.

Parties

The P6 & 7 party is on Thursday 19th December (pm), the P4 & 5 party is on Monday 18th December (pm) and the P1-3 party is on Wednesday 20th December (pm). Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on these days.

Christmas Fair, Saturday 2nd December

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, P5/6 and P7 are busy practising for their Christmas show, Primary School Christmas Musical, and are presenting our dress rehearsal to OAPs on Monday 11th December at 1.45pm (**early lunches that day, P4/5 - P7 = 11.45-12.40 and P1 – P3/4 = 12-12.55**) and then to all parents and carers on Tuesday 12th 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**, and Wednesday 13th December at 1.45pm, (**early lunch at 11.45-12.40 for P4/5 – P7 and 12-12.55 for P1/2 – P3/4**)

P1, P2/3 and P3/4 are also busy rehearsing for their Nativity, The Gigantic Star, which is being presented to parents and carers on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am and Thursday 14th December at 2pm.

Information about the selling of tickets will be sent home soon.

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.

Pupil achievements

Evan Williams, P6, recently represented Scotland down in Birmingham in Trampolining. It was a tough competition competing against the best in his age group in Britain, but he took it all in his stride doing two clean routines. He also recently participated in the Scottish Championships, and went out and smashed it, winning gold to become the men's level 1, age 9-10 champion. We are all very proud of you and your achievements, Evan! 🏆



Parents' evening booking system

We introduced a new booking system for our round of Parents' evenings in October. As a school, we found the system really good and are keen to continue to use it going forward but I would like to find out your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to let us know your feedback on the system but also on the current arrangements of a face to face and a phone call option. This will be open until Monday 13th November. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/A0KH0MMHsx>

Snacks and Packed lunches

We are a Health promoting school and as such try to encourage all the children to bring something healthy for their snack. All children are recommended to bring their own filled water bottle every day. Water is also readily available in the lunch hall and from our water chillers. We are unable to ensure that packed lunches are kept chilled during the morning, so it might be worthwhile adding a small frozen pack to keep the contents fresh. **We would ask that nuts, products containing nuts or nut products are not sent to school as we do have a pupil with a severe nut allergy.** Many thanks.

Tesco blue tokens

I am delighted to reveal that we have been awarded £1,000 after coming in second place following the Tesco blue tokens scheme over the summer. This money will go towards the money we have already raised for the installation of a Sensory garden in our playground. We still need to raise about another £2,700 but hope to use the profit from the forthcoming Christmas Fair as well as from an exciting fundraiser that we are planning for the end of March with the Parent Council to meet the target. Thank you to everyone who popped a token in the container for Alehousewells and helped us achieve second place!

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 2023

My name _____

My child's name and class



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
