



Alehousewells School Newsletter

NL 5 – December 2023-2024



Alehousewells School

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

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. Church service at Kemnay parish church, 9.45am, all welcome.

Mon 8 Jan – Return to school.

Dear Alehousewells families,

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.

Welcome to Baran P6 and Aram P4 who have joined us this week. I hope you and your family will settle into life here in Alehousewells school and Kemnay village and will enjoy being part of our friendly and welcoming school.

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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As the performance starts at 10am, we will need all children here by 8.50am, in order to be on the buses and ready to leave at 9am. We cannot wait for any children who are late.

All children will receive a free ice cream at the interval, kindly paid for by the Parent council.

Remembrance

We were delighted to receive a certificate recently to say that we raised £72.50 for Poppy Scotland from the sale of poppies in school. Well done, Alehousewells!

P7 attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War memorial on 10 November, along with P7 from Kemnay Primary and a group from Kemnay Academy. They marked the solemn occasion with Rev Neil Meyer, one of the Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland Ministers, and were a credit for their respectful manner.



Tickets for School shows

Please remember that we have reserved 2 tickets per family for each show your children are in **until Monday 4 December**. After this day, all remaining tickets will be available for anyone to purchase up to 3 more per family per show.

Parent Council Facebook page

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

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

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 into school for this event and I hope it will be a successful one, raising lots of money for our Sensory Garden which we hope will be installed in the Spring.



Christmas Fair-
Saturday 10 - 12
in the School hall

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 \(office.com\)](#)

End of term Church service

We will be visiting Kemnay church on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December at 9.45am, for our End of term service. All family members are welcome to join us there. There will be a collection for The British Red Cross. If you would like to walk there and back with us, please contact the school office.

Dress as you please day, Wednesday 20th December

We will have a Dress as you please day on Wednesday 20th December to thank everyone for looking so smart in their school uniform all term. If you wish and are able to, we will collect a suggested £1 donation from pupils for The British Red Cross.

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 The British Red Cross, 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.

Techfest workshops

Recently, all pupils enjoyed a STEM workshop (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) delivered by Techfest, kindly paid for by the Parent Council. Three classes visited the Space dome, the Nursery had Confusing cans, P2/3 investigated Caterpillars, P4/5 built Knex lighthouses and P7 discovered Maths around the world. Many thanks to the Parent council for paying for these experiences for all pupils.

Aberdeenshire Love local gift card

Give the *Gift of Local Choice* this year with the **Aberdeenshire Gift Card**. With around 400 businesses across the Shire now accepting the card, including independents and brands, there is something for everyone. Have a look at the flyer below to find out more, including the chance to win a £1,000 Gift Card.



ABERDEENSHIRE GIFT CARD

Take the stress out of Christmas shopping this year and *give the gift of local choice*.

With days out, holidays, shops, cafes, restaurants, home and garden, pet stores, health and beauty and much, much more there is something for everyone.

Here are just some of the 400 organisations now accepting the Aberdeenshire Gift Card....

How to Purchase
You can purchase a gift card online or you can pick up a blank card at local stockists and load online. Visit the website to find out more about how to get your gift card.

Find out more
www.aberdeenshiregiftcard.com

For your chance to win a £1,000 Gift Card, go to www.winyourxmas.co.uk

Competition Closes 8th December 2023

Logos of participating businesses: NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND, Portsoy Ice Cream, DEAN'S, LOCHTER ACTIVITY CENTRE, THE ARC CINEMA, LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE, GPH GOLFERS MERCHANTS, CELEBRATIONS OF TURRIFF, PEDAL POWER, Boomerangs, EST 1930, Crasers ELLON.

Logo: Loves Local ABERDEENSHIRE

ABERDEENSHIRE GIFT CARD

As, please get in touch if you would like to discuss anything.

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 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
