



Alehousewells School Newsletter

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Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

Address: _____

Diary Dates:

Mon 22 Jan – Home school folders issued again.

Tue 23 Jan – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

Fri 9 & Mon 12 Feb – School and Nursery closed for Mid-term holiday.

Tue 13 & Wed 14 Feb – School and Nursery closed for In service training.

Fri 23 Feb – Wray Thomson fundraiser at Kemnay Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Thur 7 March – Parent council Disco, 6.30-8pm. Further information to follow.

Fri 8 March – Written reports issued.

Wed 20 March – Parents' evening (phonecalls) 4-6.30pm. Further information to follow.

Thur 21 March – Parents' evening (face to face) 4-6.30pm.

Wed 27 March – Dress as you please day. Optional suggested donation of £1 for The British Red Cross.

Thur 28 March – Last day of term. Church service at Bennachie church at Kemnay at 9.45am. All welcome.

Mon 15 April – Back to school.

Dear Alehousewells families,

Happy New Year from us all here at Alehousewells school and Nursery. We hope that it was a good one for you all. We are delighted to welcome 9 new children to our Nursery. I'm sure everyone will make them feel most welcome.

Adverse weather

Thank you for your patience and understanding during last week. I always endeavour to make a decision as early as possible so that, if necessary, alternative arrangements can be made. **If the decision to close or delay opening 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. Please do not rely on an email from the school telling you this information, as it may not always be possible to issue this.**

PE kit and indoor shoes

If your child prefers to come to school dressed in PE kit rather than getting changed at school, can we request that the top half is still school uniform please? Clothes for PE should be suitable: we are sometimes getting children taking part in PE in dresses, pumps or big boots.

Indoor shoes were sent home at the holidays for you to check that they still fit. Unfortunately, this has meant that some children have not brought indoor shoes back and are having to keep the footwear on all day that they came to school in. This is not ideal if they are boots or wellies and especially if it is a PE day. Please can we ask that all children have suitable indoor shoes, which must be well fitting gymshoes, trainers or plimsolls for PE.

Please let us know if either of these requests will be difficult and we will try our best to help.

M and M Cups

Since returning from the Christmas holidays, Staff have been looking for suitable Scottish poems for the children to choose from to learn. The poetry chosen is used to make children more aware of the richness of language generally, to encourage a wider variety of language in the classroom, to help children value the Scots they may use at home, with their peers, and in the community generally, and to extend its range. Opportunities to read and use Scots language can help develop enthusiasm and motivation for learning, openness to new ideas, self-respect and respect for others; all attributes linked to the four capacities in a Curriculum for Excellence which are Successful learners, Confident individuals, Responsible citizens and Effective contributors. Working with Scots should be seen as an opportunity not only to learn about language, but to play with language. Using Scots can be a learning opportunity for everybody in the class.

We are looking forward to hearing a selection of children from each class. We will decide who wins the M and M cups (we now have a Junior cup for P1-3/4 and a Senior cup for P4/5-7) on Monday 5 February at a special Assembly. Look out for the results in the next newsletter. As the best!

Child protection Policy

Along with this Newsletter, you will find our recently updated Child protection policy, which is also saved on our website for reference. Along with Michelle Morrison, EYSP, I am the Child Protection Coordinator for the school and the first point of contact should there be any concerns.

Staffing

I can now reveal that Miss Julie McIntosh was successful at interview for the position of PSA, working on a Tuesday and Wednesday, alongside her Pupil support days of Monday, Thursday and Friday.

I would like to welcome Miss Ellie Robb as an Early years support worker to our Nursery. I hope you will enjoy being part of the Alehousewells team.

Parent Council Facebook page

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

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

Next Parent council meeting, Tuesday 23 January, 6.30pm

As members of the Parent Forum, all parents and carers of pupils at Alehousewells school are invited to every Parent Council meeting: the next one, which is being held in person in school, is on Tuesday 23 January at 6.30pm. If you are unable to attend in person, but would still like to participate, then please use the link below.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Nzg3Yjl4MjctY2l0MC00YzdiLWI2ZGEtZmQ3NzFjYjQ1ZWZh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fed99306-4d2d-4409-959d-d0edb7304a0b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222b0b3d17-7408-413a-94b0-2fb52b8abb%22%7d

Joint Alehousewells school and Parent Council fundraiser at Kemnay Village Hall

Please see below. Early bird tickets at a reduced price of £13 plus booking fee may still be available, before returning to £17. Book now using the link or QR code below so that you don't miss out on a great night, raising money for Alehousewells school.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alehousewells-primary-fundraiser-tickets-774479869137?aff=oddtcreator>

WRAY THOMSON
Alehousewells Primary
FUNDRAISER

"AMASTERCLASS" "CHEEKS WERE SORE WITH LAUGHING" "SUPERB" "NEVER LAUGHED AS MUCH" "WILD"

**KEMNAY
VILLAGE HALL
FRI 23RD FEB
7:30PM - MIDNIGHT
COMEDY, RAFFLE, DISCO
BYOB & SNACKS
OVER 18S ONLY
£17 + bf**

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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, January 2024

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
