**Term 1 – August 2017**

**Welcome!**

A very warm welcome to the boys and girls of P3S. My name is Margaret Farquharson and I will be your child’s class teacher. I am looking forward to getting to know both the children and yourselves as we move through the year. The children are already settling in quickly to the classroom and school routine.

**Our Timetable this term:**

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| **Monday**  | I.C.T. with Mr Wilson and P.E. with Miss Farquharson |
| **Tuesday** | Drama with Mrs McGillivray |
| **Wednesday** | Library every alternate Wednesday |
| **Thursday** | Music with Mrs Young / Kodaly with Mrs Okumu |
| **Friday** | Assembly |

**Library**

Our library slot is every alternate Wednesday at 10.55am. Our next library visit will be **Wednesday 6th September**, **Wednesday 20th September** and **Wednesday 4th October**. Please ensure your child brings back their library book before the next visit. This can be handed into the library directly or in class.

**Topic**

We have started this term with a book study based on the book ‘*The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark’* by Jill Tomlinson. We will be looking at the children’s likes and dislikes about the dark, nocturnal animals, food chains and light and dark. Through trips to Gaughill Woods we plan to look at the plants and animals in our local environment.

**Classwork**

In P.E. this term we will be developing our athletics skills and we will explore Yoga during a weekly session. Literacy will focus on how to write a recount which is a way of retelling an important event. Reading will continue to be notified via the home/school diary and I would appreciate if you could sign the diary once you have listened to your child read. In Maths we will continue to build on numeracy strategies and developing our mental agility. We will focus on addition and subtraction within 20 and numbers to 100.

**Homework**

Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Once completed please sign your child’s homework task.



**A quick reminder:**

* Please ensure that all pencil cases, bags and items of clothing (including gym kids and shoes) are clearly labelled.
* It is also a good idea to provide an apron or adult-sized t-shirt to protect uniforms during Art lessons.

**Allergies**

Please can you avoid sending nut based snacks to school as we have a number of children with nut allergies.

**Dates for your diary**

* Parent/Teacher Meetings Thursday 28th September / Tuesday 4th October.

**Visits to Gauchhill Woods**

 As part of our topic the class will visit Gauchhill Woods. At the woods we will be focusing on woodland animal habitats and sustainability. We would be delighted to have some adult helpers to accompany us on these outings. If you are available to help on any of the dates please fill in and return the attached slip - the more the merrier. I will then confirm with you via the home/school diary our timetable for the visits. All children will require appropriate clothing (wellies or boots and a waterproof jacket).

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or information to share about your child, please feel free to contact me either by writing a note in your child’s home/school notebook or by contacting the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Margaret Farquharson

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*Visit to Gaughill Woods*

*I can help on the walk (parent/guardian signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

 *(child’s name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Thursday 14th September 9.20am – 10.35am yes / no (please circle)*

*Thursday 21st September 9.20am – 10.35am yes / no (please circle)*

*Thursday 28th September 9.20am – 10.35am yes / no (please circle)*