

# Newsletter

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# St Marychurch Pre-school

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**Welcome back** after half term just another 7 weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays!

This term we are looking at the following:-

Week 1 Bonfire, Diwali

Week 2 Winter

Week 3/4 Family

Week 5/6/7 Christmas

**The role play area will be a winter theme**

**Story mapping – Stickman**

Dates for your diary:-

- 1.11.24 - School Admissions
- 15.11.24 - Children in Need - spots
- 28.11.24 - Committee Meeting
- 6.12.24 - Craft morning
- 16.12.24 - Kents Cavern trip
- 20.12.24 - Party and Last day

Term dates

Monday 6 January to Friday 4 April 2025

Half term Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February 2025

**Wanted:** We are holding a Christmas raffle and would appreciate any donation of prizes. Also don't forget to purchase your tickets which we will be on sale in December for 50p each.

We are always on the lookout for craft materials so if you have any felt tips, glue sticks, paper, tape etc not being used in a cupboard the children would very much appreciate these at Pre-school.

**Self-help skills** – we shall be concentrating on drinking from a cup and sitting at a table and perhaps you can help your child with this at home, by encouraging them to sit while eating. We are also supporting them to put on their own coat and wellies.

**Website:**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/dummies-and-learning-talk>

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/advice-about-dummies>

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) – online safety

[www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants) - keeping children safe

**Weather** – If children wear their wellies to Pre-school can they please have a change of shoes to wear in the classroom. Now the weather is changing please remember jumpers and coats as we often go for spontaneous walks.

## Lunch boxes

Please also be aware that children who use a baby bottle with a teat designed for 0-18 months will be affecting their teeth and speech and language communication needs, so we will be encouraging them to drink from a cup. Please note some shop bought drinks are not suitable for under 3 years of age as they have removable small lids.

**Show and Tell** – don't forget children are welcome to bring in a toy/book/photo for show and tell to discuss and show to their peers this promotes great discussions and new vocabulary.

**School Admissions** – you can apply online at [torbay.gov.uk](http://torbay.gov.uk) from 1 November 2024 until 15 January 2025 if your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

**Holiday Form and Termination Form** - Don't forget if you go away on holiday or are leaving the setting we need four weeks' notice and a form filled in. We also need to know their new setting, in order to send their transition form to help your child settle in.

**Children in Need** – On Friday 15 November we shall be supporting Children in Need by having a spotty day. Your child may dress up if they wish to join in and a small donation for children in need will be appreciated.

**Christmas trip-** we are going to Kents Cavern for our annual Christmas trip this year on Monday 16 December at 10.00 until or 11.30 All staff will be going so the preschool will be closed for this period.

**Craft Morning** –Friday 6 December 2024 we shall hold a Christmas craft morning, so parents are welcome to come along and be creative with your child.

**Tapestry** - don't forget to add photos or things that you do on their learning diary so we can share. Perhaps you might like to share their favourite book, song or a photo of an outing with us.



**Christmas Party Friday 20 December**– we shall have a party morning for all children. Parents are welcome back at 11.15 am to share in the festivities. Our last day will be Friday 20 December 2024.

**We will return on Monday 6 January 2025**

Lastly, If you have any other ideas or suggestions for the Pre-school then please let us know and please don't forget the **consumable charge** which supports the pre-school to provide food, activities and resources for your child.

# Makaton signs

Christmas Tree



IN (1)



SORRY



Small circular movement over heart

ON (see video for examples of use)



UNDER



APPLE



Take apple to mouth and mime biting it

BANANA



Mime peeling banana