

# Newsletter

## September 2024



# St Marychurch Pre-school

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**Welcome back** to Pre-school after the summer holidays and a big welcome to all our new families. We all look forward to the new term and if you have any ideas or suggestions on activities, resources, or ways to do things then just let us know as we are keen to try and meet the needs of everyone at Pre-school.

This term we are looking at the following:-

Week 1/2 – Settling in  
Week 3/4 – Differences  
Week 5 - Habitats  
Week 6 - Signs of Autumn

**The role play area will be a home corner.**

**Story mapping - Monkey Puzzle**

Dates for your diary:-

Date of committee meeting  
26.9.24  
Kents Cavern Trip 16-12-24 at  
10am

Term dates:

Monday 9 September 2024 to  
Friday 20 December 2024  
*Half term - Monday 28 October to  
Friday 1 November 2024*

Please see [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or [www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years) for further information on funding.

**Registration** we will need everyone to up-date their registration forms this term please, to ensure contact and other details are correct.

**Absences** it is important for you to phone us about any absences your child has as it is part of your funding agreement with Torbay Council. We also have to inform other parents when children have illnesses which might affect others. Remember that sick children should be looked after at home until they are well enough to return to the setting, please. If your child has had diarrhoea and vomiting, they need to be fever free for 48 hours. Please check when to send my child to school leaflet.

**Existing injuries** - it is also important for you to tell us about any existing injuries your child might have even if you don't know how they occurred, as we can then monitor them at pre-school, if needed.

**Self-help skills** – we shall be encouraging sharing a book together and handling books carefully and putting on their own wellies.

You can also help your child with these vital skills at home. Sharing a book encourages listening and attention skills which is key in the development of language, speech sounds and literacy development.

Putting on their own wellies and brushing their teeth, are ways you can help children build up their self-esteem and physical skills.

Please don't forget to label their bags, lunch boxes, hats and coats with their name please, as you can imagine having three to four of the same bag etc can sometimes cause mix ups.

**Meetings:** Hopefully you have all been able to read your child's end of term report and if you wish to discuss anything further then please let us know.

We would also like to know about

their current interests so that we can incorporate them into their learning and for us all to support their next steps.

**Website:**

0-19 Torbay Services for Torbay

Safeguarding: NSPCC

TSGB (Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership  
Family Hub –

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

**Garden** – Don't forget to send in your child with named coats and wellington boots. Also please dress them in clothing suitable for the outdoors as they will get dirty. If anyone has spare time we would appreciate help to keep the garden tidy.

**Dentist** to register with a dentist telephone Dental Helpline Tel: 03330 063 300  
Out of hours emergency dental service telephone number as above.

**Extra information for new parents** – please come in and see us if you have difficulty signing on to the Tapestry website.

**Consumable charge** – don't forget this supports the pre-school for items that are not covered by the government's education funding given to the setting. As you can imagine there are numerous extra costs that the setting has to finance, so please help support the setting and your child.

**Invoices** – following the annual general meeting it was requested that invoices be sent online so please look out for these.

**Lunch boxes** – please note we don't allow sweets, popcorn and fizzy drinks in the children's lunch box please see the website for healthy lunch box ideas.

[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Bags2school** – **URGENT** we are once more collecting clothing to give to Bags2school to help raise funds for the pre-school so we need your unwanted clothing by Monday 16 September please. Many thanks.

The first committee meeting is being held on Thursday 26 September at 9.15 am and if you are interested in becoming a member please come along and join us.



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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.