

# Newsletter

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The Three Little Pigs

# St Marychurch Pre-school

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**Welcome back** – We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and a Happy New Year to you all.

This term we are looking at the following:-

- Week 1 Winter
- Week 2 Size
- Week 3 Construction
- Week 4 Keeping safe
- Week 5 Shapes
- Week 6 Valentines/Pancake day

**The three little pigs we will be using Makaton signs.**

Dates for your diary:-

- 30.1.25 - Committee meeting at 9.10 am
- 22.01.25 - Lorna House visit

Term dates:

Monday 6 January to Friday 4 April 2025

*Half term - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025*

Tuesday 22 April to Friday 18 July

*Half Term - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025*

**Wanted:** Masking tape and colouring pencils.

**Self-help skills** – Put on own shoes and a coat.

## Website:

[Family Hub \(torbayfamilyhub.org.uk\)](http://torbayfamilyhub.org.uk)

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

[www.torbay.gov.uk](http://www.torbay.gov.uk)

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](http://nspcc.org.uk)

**Garden** – If your child also wears wellies to pre-school can they please have a change of shoes to wear in the classroom. Thank you.

**School Admissions** – Remember the last day to apply for a primary school place at Torbay admissions is **Wednesday 15 January 2025.**

**EYPP Funding** if your child is eligible, we might be entitled to claim extra funding of about 60 pence per hour. With this amount we are able to purchase items or provide support that will benefit the children. Tillie will find out if your child meets the criteria and then fill in the necessary form.

**Christmas raffle** - A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Raffle. We raised £50.94. We will use this to purchase new bark in the garden.

**End of term reports** – there is an end of term report to read on Tapestry for some children, unless they have had a two-year-old report last term. Please remember to update us with your child's current interests and add any comments to the bottom of their report or on the Tapestry page. If you have trouble accessing Tapestry or have any questions, or areas of concerns, or you want us to support your child with something please let us know.

**Existing Injury** It is important for you to tell us about any existing injury your child has when they arrive at pre-school each morning. This is so that we can fill in the necessary form and monitor your child during the morning should they become unwell. Please also let us know if your child has any Medication in their bags as this needs to be stored safely. Please remember only prescribed medication can be given to your child in the setting.

**Updates** If changes have been made to your address, telephone, or contact details then please ensure your registration records are updated and changed.

**Family Hub** – is a website that has a range of information such as dummies, sleep, behaviour, Play, chat and read and much more to support you and your family.

**Tapestry** – We now put the newsletter on Tapestry. You can also update us with any information and upload photos from home to share.

**Funding** - please remember to update your funding code within time online. If you think you are eligible for more hours (more than 15) up to 30 hours, then please remember to apply the term before it is required.

**New staff** – Katie has now joined us as Deputy Manager, she will be looking forward to working with you and your child.

Jo would like to say - Thank you to everyone for my lovely retirement gift such a wonderful surprise. I shall look forward to visiting as many National Trust properties as I can with my husband this year. I am sorry I will miss my last cohort of children going off to school as I have enjoyed seeing their own personalities and interests developing, but hopefully will see them out and about in the community. Thank you.



Lastly, if you have any other ideas or suggestions for the Pre-school please let us know.