

# WHITE HORSE PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER !

Here we are nearly half way through our Spring term. We have welcomed back 10 of our 12 families this term with hopefully more returning following the February half term. We will be welcoming 3 new children in the coming weeks into the setting so I am sure you will make our new little ones and their families very welcome.

We will have vacancies available for little ones aged 2-4 years from after the Easter holidays and September so please do feel free to recommend us to anyone you may know who is looking for a preschool place.

## NEW SHELTER BEING BUILT

You may have noticed the building work that has been started at the front of the setting. Dean Perry (Perry Landscape Services), one of our LPCC Trustees is building a covered shelter for families to use on their arrival to the setting.

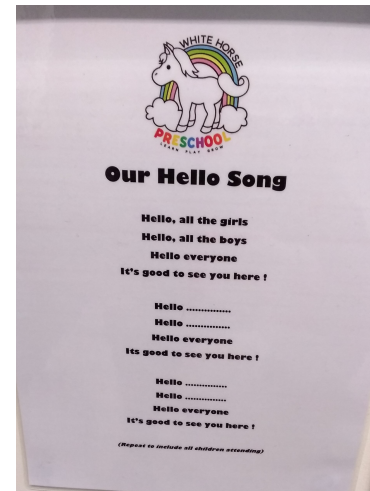
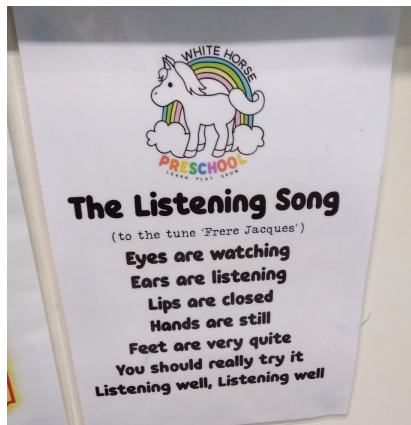
We plan to begin some fundraising activities shortly to raise funds to build an all weather shelter for our immediate free flow area so please do support us if you can.



## MORNING DROP OFF

Thank you for all your support with the introduction of our Covid-19 safety procedures at the setting.

As of next week **all** children will be asked to leave their parents at the main entrance gate to support us with our new routine detailed below. We will have a staff member on the main entrance gate to support separation from parent/carer, each child will then walk into setting to meet a staff member in the immediate free flow area. This will enable us to support children on arrival into setting with self registration and to promote their independence.



## SNACK TIMES

The children are adapting really well to our new snack time routine which is now free flow and encourages their independence, sharing, counting and self care skills.



## NEW ROUTINES

We have introduced a small group circle time when children enter in the mornings as well as still having group time at both lunch and home times. The children arrive and have the responsibility of removing their own coat, placing their lunch box on the trolley then self registration before finding a circle mat to sit on. We sing our Hello Song prior to then participating in a Letters and Sounds activity, sharing a Story, Show and Tell or singing.

## ADDITIONAL HOURS

Please can we ask that parents who may require additional hours from April or September to see Maria on our return from half term to book these in our attendance register. If you are unsure if your child qualifies for the additional 30 hours funding then please check out the Wiltshire Council website at <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-30-hour-parents>.

Also, any little one turning 3 this term will be eligible for their 15 hours funding from April 2021 so do book those additional hours in too with Maria.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- week commencing 1st-5th February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year
- week commencing 8th-10th February we will be celebrating Valentines Day
- Thursday 11th Feb TD Day - setting closed to children
- Friday 12th February until Friday 19th February is our half term break
- Monday 22nd February return to preschool
- Wednesday 31st March TD Day setting closed to children
- Friday 1st April until Friday 16th April will be our Easter holidays
- Return to setting Monday 19th April