# WHITE HORSE PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### IT IS HALF TERM ALREADY!

It is hard to believe we have already been back at setting for 7 weeks and are now on our half term break. It has been a busy one for the little ones with lots of fun and learning been had. We have enjoyed trips to the pirate ship and local walks to collect conkers and leaves. The children have explored lots of sensory play with playdough, sand, water, mud and even jelly. They have built strong relationships with our volunteers, Eileen, Jess and Finlay who attend one session per week. We also are very lucky to have Lizzie who is currently studying for a childcare qualification at college and whom will be with us until January 2020.

## PARENT/KEYPERSON MEETINGS

We will be offering parent meetings with parents who wish to discuss their child's progress with their keyperson after half term. These will be held at 9.15am and 2.30pm so please feel free to book a slot with a staff member on our return from our half term break.











#### NAMING ITEMS

Please can we ask all parents to ensure your child's bag, clothing, lunchbox and drinks bottle are labelled as this makes it easier for staff to identify and reduce the risk for error.





#### ADDITIONAL HOURS

Please can we ask that parents who may require additional hours from January 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 January 2021 so do book those additional hours in too with Maria.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Firework activity week 2-6 Nov
- Remembrance Day 11 Nov
- World Nursery Rhyme Week 9-12 Nov
- · Children in Need 13 Nov
- Healthy Eating and Oral Hygiene 16-20
  Nov
- Exploring colour 23-27 Nov
- Our senses 30 Nov 4 Dec
- Christmas fun begins 7-11 Dec
- Christmas Party 12-3pm 16th Dec
- Last Day of Term 16th Dec

Due to Covid-19 will not be having a Christmas performance this year however we are hoping to upload a recording to Tapestry for parents to access of the children participating in a small group activity singing some Christmas tunes.

We plan to hold a Christmas party for all little ones on Wednesday 16th December from 12pm until 3pm. Should your child not normally attend during these times and you would like them to attend the party then please see Maria to re-arrange your child's sessions for that week.