



# WILLOW BANK INFANT SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Diary Dates



From the Headteacher

4th February 2022



### February

7th – 13th	Children's Mental Health Week
8th	E-Safety Day Further information to follow
17th	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
18th	End of Half Term
21st – 25th	Half Term Holiday
28th	Children return to school for Spring Term 2

I'm sorry not to have seen everyone this week- but Covid finally caught up with me and I'm isolating. Hopefully, I will back in school by the end of next week and will have a chance to catch up with everyone.

Next week is an exciting one as we are celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**, which runs from **Monday 7th February until Sunday 13th February**. We are especially excited because this year's theme is 'Growing Together' which is also a part of our school motto 'Growing Together, Learning Together'. The charity running this special week is Place2Be, and they are focussing on helping children to grow emotionally and find ways to help each other grow. So, for Children's Mental Health Week 2022, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. Over the course of the week the children will be doing different activities each day to add to their 'Wellbeing Toolkits'. Our **very lovely PTA will also be buying each child a T-shirt that they can design and decorate** ready to wear on Friday 11th Feb. A big thank you to them, and also to Mrs Killick for organising this week. The PTA have sent out their newsletter earlier today with the date of their **cake sale (11th February) and other fundraising projects**- without their efforts we wouldn't be able to do many of the fun and exciting things we do in school, so please show your support if you can.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Michelle Masters*

### Class Bulletin Links

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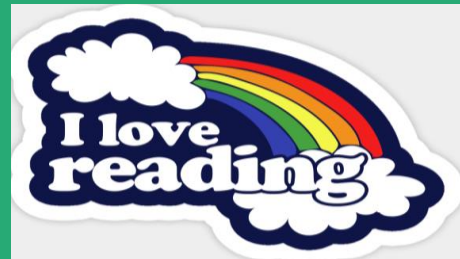
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### Supporting Readers at Home



Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



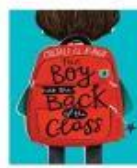
Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



For more ideas see the OU website:  
<https://www.researchrichpedagogies.org>





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*Happy Birthday!*



*Congratulations!*



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