

Dear families,

We are fortunate to have secured a regular visit from Daisy, a therapy dog, every Thursday afternoon. This is in partnership with a charity called PETS AS THERAPY who run a scheme called Read2Dogs.

The Read2Dogs scheme provided by Pets As Therapy (PAT) helps to improve literacy skills and wellbeing in young people by developing their confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading. Some children feel incredibly nervous and stressed when asked to read aloud, regardless of whether they're in a classroom or having a one-to-one session with a teacher. When a PAT Dog visits a school, their presence can boost a young person's motivation and morale. Dogs are non-judgemental and great listeners - they don't interrupt or correct - so they aid confidence and concentration levels. PAT Dogs are also known to encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem and inspire young people to relax and have fun.

Across the course of this academic year, many pupils will have the opportunity to work with the dog. I appreciate that some children and parents may be anxious about this so I would appreciate you completing this google form at your earliest convenience to give permission and make us aware of any concerns.

<https://forms.gle/TUxc6IeyYAhLAF629>

I appreciate that some children have allergies and we have contacted those parents that we are aware of directly. If you are unsure that we have your child's correct medical needs, please contact us.



Warm regards,

Mr S Tait