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Dear Parent/Carer,

For your information - Year 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 are pleased to welcome our newest volunteer, Elsie the PAT dog (Pets in Therapy). Mrs Rollins (a school nurse for many years) has very kindly offered to bring Elsie in to school to support many of our children with their reading. Initially Mrs Rollins and Elsie will be working with some children from year 4 and a little later on, some year 3 children too.

Research shows that children can become nervous and stressed when reading to others. However, when a PAT Dog enters the class, they often become less stressed, less self-conscious and more confident as the dogs are non-judgemental. PAT Dogs provide comfort, encourage positive social behaviours, enhance self-esteem, motivate speech and inspire children to have fun.

Elsie is a qualified PAT dog. Her coat is none shedding and she will not pose a problem to allergy sufferers. We understand that some children may be very nervous around dogs but rest assured, Elsie has a wonderful, calm and non-invasive nature!

Many thanks

Mrs Perry

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