

Dear Parent and Carer,

I am delighted to announce that the school will be working with Archie Therapy Limited to provide a new member to our school community, Bonnie.

Bonnie is a beautiful Labrador, who will be initially trained to work as a school dog, slowly becoming part of the school life and enriching the experiences of staff and students alike as a therapy dog. Labradors are an excellent choice as school dogs thanks to their loving and loyal nature.

This will be a very specialised and controlled role, ensuring that it works for the school, the children and the dog herself. Much has been written about the therapeutic impact of animals and children and we are excited about how Bonnie will become part of our school life.

Whilst Bonnie will not be ready and trained for at least 18 months, her owner, Ms Pumphrey, will be looking for very controlled opportunities to introduce her to the school and get acquainted with the environment. Bonnie will have bases in school and will be under supervision at all times. Whilst many will love the opportunity to work with Bonnie, we know that not all people will feel comfortable. If you have any concerns then please let me know, but please be assured that the school will have a full range of risk assessments and expertise at all times.

We will aim to engage students as soon as possible and will share updates and information as regularly as we can about our exciting new addition to the school. You can see pictures and videos of Bonnie on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/lsabonniethelab?igshid=jndhw2ravgd0>

I hope you enjoy a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Baker
Headteacher

