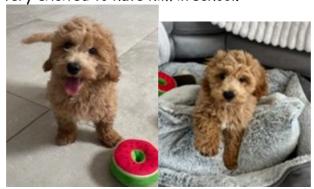


Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

## SCHOOL DOG

What fantastic news to finish the school year on! Following on from our online and face to face consultations, we are very excited to announce that we are getting our own school dog. He will be starting with us in September and will be office based to start with. His name is Brook (he is a Cavapoochon) and we are very excited to have him in school.



Dogs in schools have many known benefits;

They are used to support children with social and emotional learning needs, which in turn can assist with literacy development. Research into the effects of dogs in schools is showing a range of benefits including: increase in school attendance and gains in confidence.

If you do not wish your child to come into contact with our dog or have any concerns, please contact us in school.

Before September, our 'School Dog' policy will be available to view on the school website. This includes some frequently asked questions and answers.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Jillian Shorrocks
Executive Headteacher