

St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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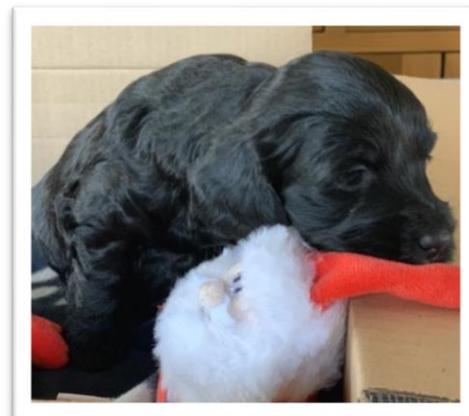
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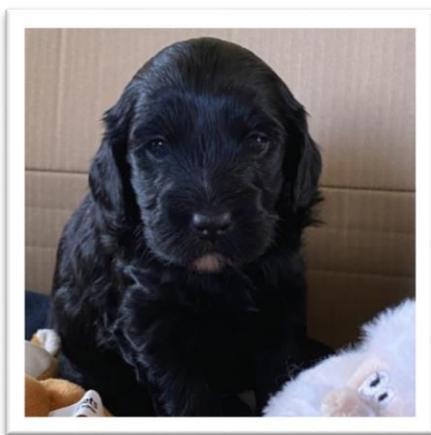
Dear Parents

We are delighted to announce that we are getting a school dog, named Humphrey!

Humphrey will be owned by Mrs Mynott, our School Business Manager and very experienced dog owner. Humphrey is a Miniature Labradoodle puppy, born on 7th November. Mrs Mynott is fully funding the purchase, including the insurance and day-to-day costs of Humphrey. He will join her family on Friday 8th January with a phased introduction to St. Peter's, his school family, from Monday 11th January, 2021.



Humphrey will be much more than just a pet - research has shown that therapy dogs are used as calming influences for children and adults who may be anxious or in distress. There is also evidence that children who struggle with managing emotions gain a great deal from spending time with therapy animals, which he will become.



Obviously, bringing any animal into school is not something to be approached lightly. We have adopted best practice from other local schools with dogs and planned a phased introduction for Humphrey.

It would be helpful to know whether we have any children who have allergies to dog hair or who have a particular phobia concerning dogs. Your children's interaction with Humphrey will be entirely optional and his primary domain will be the school office, which is fitted with a door entry keypad for access. If your child does not want to spend any time with Humphrey, they will not have to. Please only complete and return the attached form to school by 4th January if any of the statements apply to your child.

You will find more information in the attached Risk Assessment but if you have any further questions please email the school office: adminoffice@st-peters-jun.hants.sch.uk

We are really looking forward to welcoming Humphrey to our school family in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Reece and Mrs Mynott
Headteacher School Business Manager

School Dog

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Please highlight/circle and return if applicable

My child is allergic to dogs and I would prefer them not to be in contact with the School dog.

My child is allergic to dogs I am happy for them to be in the same room but not touch the dog.

My child has a fear of dogs and I would prefer them not to meet the dog.

My child has a fear of dogs and I would like them to slowly be introduced to the dog in time to overcome their fear.

Signed _____ Date _____

