

CHANTRY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a new and exciting opportunity we will be trialling for our children. Over the next few weeks we will be arranging to have a dog visit our children in school to be a 'reading dog' and to support children's emotional mental health

Many schools are now seeing the benefits of having a dog in school:-

- Improved academic achievement
- Increase in literacy skills
- Calm behaviour down
- Increase in social skills and self esteem.
- Increased confidence
- Teaching responsibility and respect to all life
- · Helping to prevent truancy and absenteeism
- Motivating children who are often not that attentive within classroom environments

The school has completed a thorough risk assessment and the dog is known to the school. If you would like any further information, or would like to withdraw your child from this project please can you let the school know. Please also advise us if your child has either a phobia or allergy to dogs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Reed Headteacher