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Primary**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware from the recent newsletter, we will soon be welcoming a new member of the Springfield team. Molly is a pet therapy dog who lives with Mrs Napper and her family.

She is a 5 year old pet labrador who enjoys meeting children and especially listening to them read stories.

Molly is a fully qualified Pets As Therapy dog who helps children to enjoy reading out loud and to share their ideas with her. She is looking forward to joining Springfield Primary School. If you look on this website it will explain how Pets as Therapy Dogs work:



<http://petsastherapy.org/what-we-do/read2dogs>

As well as hearing children read, Molly will work with children who have special needs, have suffered bereavement or who need a calm place to discuss their worries. Molly will spend most of her day in Serenita classroom with Mrs Napper. The children will have opportunities to work with Molly under Mrs Napper's supervision, so long as they have parental consent. Mrs Napper will always be with Molly while she is working with children. At no point will any child be left unsupervised.

We will complete a thorough risk assessment before Molly begins her duties and this will be available for you to view on the website.

If you **do not want your child** to work with Molly, please return the reply slip by Friday 2nd March. Please also let us know if your child has any pet allergies or has a fear of dogs.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Brown
Deputy Head Teacher

Pets as Therapy Dog

Name of child:.....Class:.....

Please delete as appropriate

I **do not** give permission for my child to have supervised access to Springfield's school dog.

My child is frightened/ not frightened of dogs

My child is allergic/ not allergic to dogs

Any other comments:

Signed.....Parent/ Carer Date:.....

Please inform the school if any of these details change.

