



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Re: Therapy dog visit

I am pleased to inform you about an exciting upcoming opportunity for KS3 children at Abbot's Lea School. On Friday 4 October, Kenya class will be hosting the KS3 school assembly. The theme of their assembly will be "National Pet Tricks Day." A therapy dog named Buddy will come to the assembly to demonstrate his tricks. This will be an exciting experience for the students to witness first hand a talented dog perform.

I am sure that many of you will be incredibly supportive and enthusiastic about this opportunity. However, we also appreciate that some of you may have concerns about this and we would like to put your minds at rest if this is the case. Buddy is a 6 year old Black Labrador who is used to being around children of all ages. He is a working therapy dog with training and experience, enabling him to be calm and gentle around children. He lives with two young children and works with children of all ages on a daily basis. A thorough risk assessment has been conducted.

Could you please let your child's teacher know if your child has a phobia of dogs or is allergic to any breeds. This will help us greatly to plan the visit.

We look forward to this enriching experience and believe it will be a memorable event for our students.

If you have any individual questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting Kenya's class teacher directly on joanne.hesketh@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hesketh for arranging this canine visit!

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher