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Dear Parents/Carers

Sandy Hill Academy is delighted to inform you that we have registered for the Pets As Therapy READ 2 DOGS programme, which is designed to give pupils the opportunity to increase their confidence of, and enjoyment in reading.

Each week Mrs Bawden's Pets As Therapy registered dog Maple will come to school to work with a small number of children. **If your child is chosen to be a part of the programme you will be informed separately.** Maple is a one year old Cocker Spaniel and she will remain under the close supervision of Mrs Bawden throughout each visit. All sessions will take place at school and within the school day.

READ 2 DOGS give children a private opportunity to practise and enjoy reading, away from their peers, to an audience that will enjoy the experience. This will be a special time for the children as they read their chosen book to Maple, as well as having a chance to get to know the dog as the weeks progress.

If your child has any allergies that will be affected by Maple's visits to school, please let your child's class teacher know.

Regards

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