

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Re: Fern House School Dog

Dear Parents

We are excited to inform you that Fern House School are getting a School Therapy Dog. The litter were born on 22nd January so currently they are only 1 week old. When the dog is approximately 13 weeks old, has successfully completed puppy training classes, is fully vaccinated and has passed all of their training assessments, they will come in to school and meet the pupils.

We have chosen a Cavapoo as our choice of school dog as they are hypo-allergenic and known for their calm and safe temperament. A full risk assessment will be completed before the dog arrives at the school and the pupils will be taught how to be responsible pet owners. Measures will be put in place to keep all pupils and the dog safe at all times. The dog, especially when they are a puppy, will need to rest at school, as well as see the pupils, but the hope is that the dog becomes part of our Fern House School family and offers calming support for everyone.

We have asked the pupils to support us in thinking of a name for the school dog.



Here are the puppies at 1 week old. One of these will be our Fern House School dog. They currently rely on the following 3 senses: Taste, touch and smell. Next week, they develop sight and hearing.

I will update you regularly, but please let me know if you have any questions in relation to this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Laura Astarita

Headteacher