
TEDDY THE COCKAPOO

Breed: cockapoo

Age: 2 years old
(his birthday is Christmas Eve)

Likes: Socialising, cuddles, playing fetch with his ball, belly rubs and treats!

Special Skills: Very calm and patient. Amazing with children. Can sit, stay, give his paw, lay down, come, walk to heel, retrieve a ball and is a great listener.

Teddy loves coming into school and seeing the children, parents and staff.

Please come and say Hi and give me a stroke if you see me.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- Teddy's fur is hypoallergenic and so is less likely to cause allergic reactions
- Teddy is regularly groomed, wormed and de-fleaed to ensure he is as hygienic as possible
- There is a full risk assessment in place in school to support Teddy being in school
- Your child does NOT have to have contact with Teddy. Please let us know if your child is scared of dogs and would prefer not to encounter Teddy

If you have any other questions, please speak to the school office who can direct your questions to Mrs Collens.

Meet Our School Dog Teddy



WHY A SCHOOL DOG?

1. Dogs support well-being.

Dogs have a calming effect on children (and adults) and offer a respite and non-judgemental space for re-alignment and focus. They provide emotional support, reduce stress and create a calming atmosphere that helps students feel more relaxed, focused and ready to learn.



2. Dogs teach patience.

Dogs do not always do as they are told first time!

3. Dogs teach compassion.

Just like humans, dogs feel emotion and pain. They are prone to injuries and need to be looked after carefully. Children need to think about how the dog might be feeling.

4. Dogs help learning

Studies show that pets in school can improve focus, promote responsibility and foster empathy.

Some of Teddy's chores and duties:

- You will see Teddy on the gate most Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons to greet you and say goodbye.
- He helps take children into class in the mornings if children are feeling a little unsettled or lonely
- He helps settle children who may be a little emotional in school and they come for a cuddle
- He hears readers – he loves a story.
- He helps celebrate children's work when they have work that shines
- He has supported lots of children with a fear of dogs, become more confident and safe when meeting and greeting dogs.

5. Dogs teach socialisation.

Like most of us, dogs are social animals who enjoy and need attention and affection. By learning how to interact with a dog, children can learn how to better socialise with other children. If they can learn the social cues of a dog, then interacting with humans who can talk will be a walk in the park.

6. Dogs teach responsibility.

Having to remember to feed, provide water and show support for a dog can give children a sense of importance and satisfaction that they can't get from school or other chores. The relationship that develops can be life-changing for a child and a great support system as they themselves continue to grow and develop

7. Dogs are fun.

Last, but certainly not least, dogs are a lot of fun. They greet you with a wagging tail every day and can cheer you up even on your worst day.


