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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be able to welcome back, Pat and her reading dog, Dipsy, in school.

Dipsy the dog is a trained Pets as Therapy dog which means that she has had to pass multiple checks to ensure that she is a safe dog (she is a working dog) to work around children.

More information can be found about the organisation at <https://petsastherapy.org/>

It is planned for Pat and Dipsy to work with **Year 1 children initially** in Cygnet class to hear and support them with their reading/phonics once a week until the end of the year – Thursday afternoons. This will take place either in the classroom; in a quiet room adjoining the class, or outside (weather permitting).

Pat and Dipsy will visit Cygnet class this Thursday afternoon in order to meet **all** the children in Cygnet class and for Pat to explain how the children need to behave around Dipsy the dog. Dipsy will then hear Year 1 readers.

If you have any further questions or queries around this provision, please do not hesitate in contacting me directly at the school and by no later than tomorrow home time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Abbs, Head Teacher