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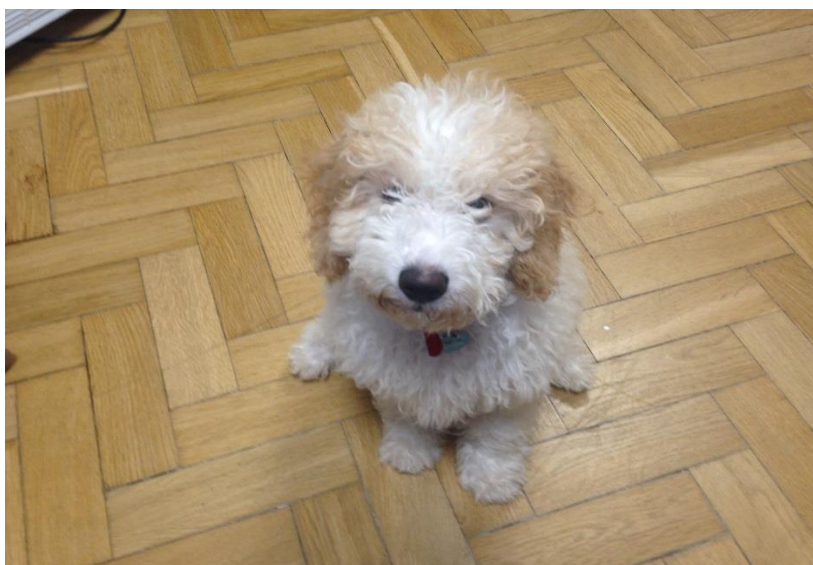
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INTRODUCING STU THE COCKAPOO, THE EASTWAY SCHOOL DOG



Hi, I'm Stu. I am a cockapoo puppy and I am very excited to have been chosen to be the new Eastway School therapy dog. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children at the school and to help them in any way that I can to make their time at Eastway as enjoyable and successful as possible.

While therapy dogs have been used fairly widely in recent years for reading enhancement, I can also contribute to emotional and relational development. Other schools are finding that the presence of a therapy dog can decrease anxiety and enable children to work through issues such as anger management, bullying tendencies and other social issues. Here is a summary of the areas where the proper use of therapy dogs in a school can contribute significantly and help to achieve important goals in child development:

- Increase empathy/compassion
- Improve self-esteem, well-being and enhance interaction with others.
- Improve reading skills, comprehension and increase confidence and literary interest.
- Stimulate memory, problem solving and game playing abilities
- Reduce anxiety levels and help children to recover from traumatic circumstances
- Reduce blood pressure, stimulate the senses and assist with pain management.

I have been fully risk assessed and I am having puppy training classes so that I know how to behave myself properly. I have regular trips to the vet and all my vaccinations and other treatments are always up to date. Specially designated members of staff are trained to watch for potential harm to either a child or to me and are responsible for me while I am at school.

As I am a cockapoo, I am hypoallergenic which means that I don't shed my fur and am less likely to cause allergic reactions.

I do understand that some children may be afraid of me; however, research has shown that with proper guidance, children can learn to overcome this fear.

If you would prefer that I didn't interact with your child, then please let the school know by filling in the form below and returning it to the school office by the end of next week, Friday 16 November 2018.

Thank you.



Stu

STU THE COCKAPOO REPLY SLIP

Please complete and return only if you do not want me to interact with your child.

I would prefer that my child does not interact with or have any contact with Stu, the school dog.

Name of Child(ren) : _____ Class teacher: _____

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____