

# Masefield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**We have some exciting news!**



Merlin the Cockapoo will be coming into school each Wednesday afternoon and children will have the opportunity to read to him using the Read2Dogs Scheme. This scheme helps children to read and communicate and helps to improve literacy skills by reading to a registered therapy dog.

Merlin is a trained 'Pets as Therapy' dog and is owned by Mrs Greenhalgh, who works at Masefield. Both have been assessed by Pets as Therapy and Merlin is a registered Pets as Therapy pet.

Children will be selected by staff at school and when it is your child's turn to read to our reading dog, additional information will be sent home so that you are aware when this will take place.

Merlin will remain on the lead at all times and children will have an initial meet and greet session before reading with the dog, to ensure the children are comfortable in his company.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please email the office or speak to Mrs Greenhalgh directly.

Many thanks,

Mrs N Greenhalgh (& Merlin)

