



## ST ANTHONY'S VC ACADEMY

Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have registered for Underdog International's **Dogs in Schools** programme, which gives pupils the opportunity to interact with and work alongside a therapy dog (Hilda, pictured right). Find out more here [www.theunderdog.org](http://www.theunderdog.org)



We have space for a small number of pupils to participate and I'm pleased to inform you that your child has been chosen, with your consent, to take part in the programme, which will start next week on Tuesday afternoon.

Your child will have a weekly session of 15 minutes which will either be a reading session or a wellbeing session. This will be under the close supervision of both their owner and a member of the school staff. These dogs are specially registered dogs who have been assessed and passed their therapy dog training. They will remain on the lead and under control at all times. A member of school staff will lead the sessions and will be present throughout.

Please could you sign the consent form below and return it to us by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**\*\*Allergies.** We are aware that some children may have an allergy towards pet hair. If this is the case, please inform us as to whether your child will not be able to take part or whether you would still like them to be involved and have procedures in place to help, e.g. they may have allergy medication.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs J Storch

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Underdog International's **Dogs in Schools** programme.

Should a photoshoot occur when my child is with a therapy dog, I give permission for it to be used to support awareness-raising of therapy dogs and their benefits. **YES/NO** (please delete as appropriate)

My child does not have an allergy towards dogs. ☐

My child does have an allergy towards dogs but I would like them to take part. ☐

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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