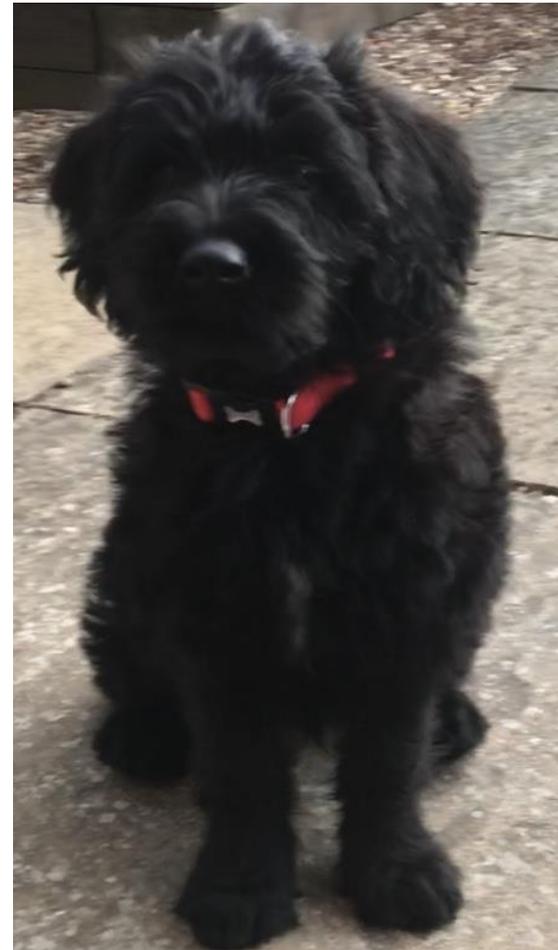


# Emmet

**Cholsey Primary  
School's Puppy – in  
training**



**Dogs Helping Kids is dedicated to using highly trained dogs to help teach children non-violence, empathy, respect, kindness, love, responsibility, friendship and trust.**

# WHO IS EMMET?



Emmet is training to be an educational assistance dog. He is a Mini-Labradoodle and lives with our headteacher, Mrs McSweeney, but comes into school most days.

He is being trained through the charity 'Dogs Helping Kids (DHK)'. The training takes approximately 3 years and Emmet will have to pass lots of assessments along the way to meet their high standard.

Emmet is based in Mrs McSweeney and Mrs Lee's office until he passes his initial assessment, after which he will start to have contact with children as part of his further training. In the meantime, Mrs McSweeney keeps everyone updated on his progress through assemblies and the school website.



# WHY ARE WE WORKING WITH DHK?



Many schools now have 'school dogs' and there is currently no benchmark standard of training in order for a dog to come into school. By working with DHK, we are showing our commitment to training a dog to an impeccable standard and also that Emmet has been independently certified for his suitability for working with children.

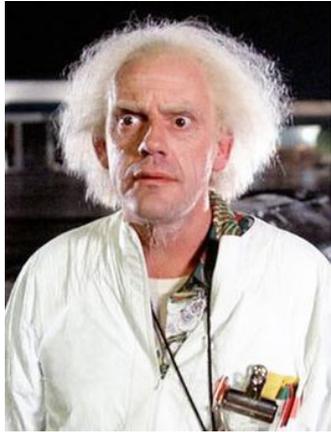
The charity has years of experience of training dogs to work with children and young people to ensure the safety and well-being of both children and the dog.

# WHAT WILL THE BENEFITS OF EMMET WORKING AT CHOLSEY SCHOOL BE?

Therapy dogs can enhance children's psychological development, improve social skills, and increase self-esteem among other benefits. Dogs in schools can be used to calm fears, relieve anxiety, and teach skills.

In particular, school dogs are used to listen to children read. Reading to dogs has been proven to help children develop literacy skills and build confidence, through both the calming effect the dog's presence has on children, as well as the fact that a dog will listen to children read without being judgemental or critical. This comforting environment helps to nurture children's enthusiasm for reading and provides them with the confidence to read aloud.





**Dr Emmett Brown**

**Fun Fact: Our Emmet is named after two film characters**



**Emmet – Cholsey School Dog**



**Emmet Brickowski**



**CHILDREN AT CHOLSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WILL TAKE PART IN:**



**So that they can learn how to approach and  
interact with a dog safely.**

**Emmet, our  
Educational Assistance Dog  
- in training, is working  
today.**

**Please let a member of our  
office staff know if you  
would rather not meet him.**

