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"Aiming High, Respecting Others, Having Fun"



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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to let you know that we have a very special new girl joining our school in Term 6!

Zuri is a chocolate Labrador puppy and will be 9 weeks old when she starts school on 1st June. 'Zuri' is a Kiswahili word for 'beautiful' and follows the African theme of Rafiki which means 'friend'.

Rafi will continue to be our school dog and will be a fantastic role model for Zuri to learn from. Over time, Zuri will train to become a certified 'Pets as Therapy' dog like Rafi, but we also plan for her to train to be a 'Reading Dog' and will share more details of what this entails when she is older.



Zuri will need lots of social interaction and play to practise the new skills she will learn and we will be asking pupils to help with this (there are lots of volunteers...). As we already have Rafi in school and you have given permission for your child to have interaction with a dog, we will assume that you are equally happy for your child to have contact with Zuri. If this is not the case, please write us a note or let Mrs Keys in the school office know. Thank you.

Yours excitedly

Jane Bennett and Lorraine Woollven

