

Collett Catch-Up



Friday 31st August 2018

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO OVER SUMMER

Summer is always a busy period for the school. Staff come and go to prepare for the year ahead, but crucial work gets underway to redevelop and refurbish the site in time for the new year.

The Hive Sensory Ball Pit



One of our main projects, the £25,000 sensory ball pit is due to be finished later this year. Extensive modifications were completed over summer in preparation, mostly undertaken for free by the team from Warner Bros. Once complete, pupils who use The Hive will be able to come here for sensory relief. I imagine a few staff members will also be diving in after a long day! The rooms will be fitted with padding (and balls) within the coming months, so stay tuned. Warner Bros also redecorated and tested the electrics in The Hive, saving us over £1,000.

Lions Bathroom



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Monday 3rd September

INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th September

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday 10th September

Parents Leaflet Deadline

Friday 14th September

School Council Elections

Friday 21st September

Coffee Morning, 9am

Tuesday 25th September

Open Morning, 9am

Thursday 27th September

Parents' Evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm

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The previous bathroom used by Lions Class was inappropriate for such small children, some with complex learning difficulties and physical disabilities. Our overhauled redesign features easy-to-use taps in a brand new basin sink, new toilets and a changing area. There's still a few tweaks left to finish off.

Lions Playground Cabin



Another area accessed by Lions Class in need of an upgrade, the team at Warner Bros worked hard over summer to refurbish the playground cabin. Now there is plenty of space for all the children to enjoy.

Sequoia Class is Bigger!

The intersecting wall in Sequoia Class has been completely removed, meaning there is lots more space to utilise for the class this year! Mr Double will be pleased.

Aside from our projects, there was plenty of other activity. The school was deep cleaned, wire tests and surveys were completed and our very own caretaker Mr Vaughan had plenty of tasks! Another busy, busy summer.

WHAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER FOR THE FIRST DAY

A reminder to all parents/carers – please complete and bring in your permission form as well as medication for your child. You can print off our permissions form by downloading this PDF from our website by [clicking here](#).

You can also apply for Free School Meals. Please [click here](#) to visit our website for more information on how to do so.

QUICK REMINDERS

Our current school lunch menu is [available here](#).

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

OFFICE UPDATES

FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

Upcoming Gade Schools Family Support Courses are listed [on our website](#).

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

CINEWORLD AUTISM FRIENDLY SCREENING

This month, Cineworld are screening **Hotel Transylvania 3** on **Sunday 2nd September at 11am** at participating cinemas (including Hemel Cineworld).

ONLINE THIS WEEK

A local mum, whose child has learning difficulties, attended our Ability in Disability event in May. She sent [this email](#) to our senior staff – such kind words!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Some of the most wonderful people are the ones who don't fit into boxes.”
Tori Amos

FACT OF THE WEEK

Autism is much more common than many people think. There

Thank you for reading! See you at school next week.

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

are around 700,000 people on the autism spectrum in the UK – that's more than 1 in 100. If you include their families, autism is a part of daily life for 2.8 million people.

National Autistic Society