

Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School
Special Educational Needs



Friday 20th October 2017

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Today was a very special day for The Collett School. Not only was it the last day of school before half term, but we also celebrated Harvest Festival with our friends at the Salvation Army, who kindly hosted the event. Thanks also to Marks & Spencer, who donated a trolley.

Mr Hault-Allen welcomed us all and opened by talking to us all about the meaning of the festival, particularly focusing on sharing and giving to those less fortunate, as well as feeding and enjoying being with our own families. The whole school heartily sang many songs they had been practising for weeks, and many pupils stood in front of the school to read out poems and written pieces. Lukas read out 'The Pumpkin', Ian and Mahima read out 'The Earth', Head Boy Lee read 'Bread on the Table' and Head Girl Lillie finished with a word of thanks.

In his final speech to close the event, Mr Hault-Allen reminded the pupils that half term was two weeks instead of the usual one – to which there was an almighty cheer, naturally.

"You've earned it, guys – you have made us proud."



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th November

PUPILS BACK TO SCHOOL

Saturday 11th November

Fundraiser Dinner Dance @
Shendish Manor

**Monday 13th to Friday 17th
November**

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 21st November

An Evening with our Alumni Pupils

THINGS TO DO OVER HALF TERM

Half term is upon us! Here are some things you can enjoy locally:

FRANKIE'S FRIGHT FEST!

There's frights aplenty down at the Old Town Hall in Hemel from 10am-12pm on 24th October, with drama games & activities your kids will love! £8 a child five to 12 years old. Booking is essential, visit Herts Inclusive Theatre for more info.

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

All are invited to a Family Craft Morning on Tuesday 24th October from 10am-12.30pm at Two Waters Primary School, Hemel Hempstead. Activities are aimed at families with children aged three to 12. Children aged eight and under must be supervised by an adult at all times. £2 per child per family or £5 for a family group with three children and £1 per child thereafter.

FAMILY BAT WALK

Boxmoor Trust will host a bat walk on Wednesday 25th October from 5-6.30pm at The Old Barn. £5 per family. Join their education team for a fun journey into the world of bats!

Booking essential: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk

DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

A REMINDER – tickets are available for our annual Dinner Dance and Auction at Shendish Manor on Saturday 11th November. All parents/carers and staff are welcome to the event where we will be hoping to raise plenty lots of funds for our wonderful school!

Please phone the School Office, who will forward you to the fundraising team, or email Gillian.Lawton@collett.herts.sch.uk to receive your invitation. Our online auction for the event will be going live later this month, so stay tuned! If you wish to donate prizes for the auction, please contact the fundraising team.

FAMILY SEMINAR

A date for your diaries – St Luke's School SEN will be hosting a family seminar focusing on 'speech and language strategies to support your child at home' on Thursday 16th November at 6.30pm.

It will be a fun and interactive session with the opportunity for you to ask questions as well as meeting the parents of other children at the school.

Visit us for more info. at

www.collett.herts.sch.uk

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The session will be led by St Luke's School's Speech and Language Therapist Becky Appleby and their Dyslexia lead Irene Leach. The seminar will cover two areas: Blanks Levels of Questioning and Hertfordshire Integrated Visual Coding.

Please call the School Office if you would like to attend and a letter/slip will be arranged for you to sign to confirm your booking.

Hope you all have a great half term – thanks for reading!

Mr Harry Crawford

The Collett School

QUICK REMINDER

Oaklands College open evenings and other key dates for this year can be found [on our website](#).

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Check out [Asperger's and Me](#) by BBC wildlife presenter Chris Packham – a great watch.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."

John W. Gardner

FACT OF THE WEEK

Until 1858, all British passports were written in French.

Via QI Twitter Account