

# Collett Catch-Up



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

## **SNOW DAY LIKE A SNOW DAY!**

As you can see from the photo above, Collett was battered by blizzards over the past week. First of all, thank you to parents/carers for your cooperation on Wednesday when we closed the school early at 12.30pm. After taking advice, senior staff decided to also close the school on Thursday and Friday. This was due to the changeable weather forecasts and the sustained yellow weather warnings, identifying icy conditions. By giving advance notice, we hope parents/carers could plan ahead without the additional stress of worrying about school closures during the day. Some staff and pupils' journeys took three hours longer than usual on Wednesday, and this factor also contributed to the decision. As always, pupil and staff safety comes first.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Although held around the world on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Collett was due to take part in the celebrations on Friday. Due to the school being closed, we are hoping to rearrange our activities for a new date.

The theme this year is 'Share a Story' and the aim is for everyone to share a story for at least ten minutes. Every child will receive a £1 book



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

International Women's Day

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Science Theme Week

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Redwood Assembly

Charity Firewalk, 6.30pm

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Coffee Cake & Catch Up, 9.30

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Autism Awareness Week

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Celebration,

END OF TERM - FINISH @ 1PM

token on the day.

## PITCH PERFECT

Our artificial pitch is almost complete and to celebrate this we've compiled a before and after shot, right. A few minor hitches need to be sorted by our contractors before we can officially open the pitch up to our students



- all of whom are very excited! The school received a final donation of £25,000 from Morrison's for the project this week.

## SUPPORTERS SING COLLETT'S PRAISES

Lord's Taverners, who visited us last week alongside Sky Sports Cricket presenter Matt Floyd, have written [this great article](#) on why they have supported Collett with various projects. Check out some highlights from the photoshoot below:



Visit us for more info. at [www.collett.herts.sch.uk](http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk)

You can also follow us on social media, find us on Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#) or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

## QUICK REMINDER

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

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

We are a Nut Free School.

## OFFICE UPDATES

### UNIFORM SALE

Our uniform is on sale with 20% discounts across all stock.

Phone or visit reception to find out more about our available range and to order as soon as possible.

## WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

### OAKLANDS LAMBING WEEKEND

From Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Oaklands College will be hosting a lambing weekend at their

St Albans campus, featuring live lambing, donkey rides, a farmer's market, a treasure hunt and food stalls. Book your free ticket at [www.oaklands.ac.uk/lambing](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk/lambing)

### BUSY FINAL MARCH FOR STORM

Storm return to Sportspace this



## CHEF COOKS UP WINNING RECIPE

We've nominated our very own chef, Tracey, for the Hertfordshire Catering Annual Awards 2018. Winning an award at the ceremony, due to take place in May, would cement our status as a leading special school, and we fully believe that Tracey has the quality to win big. To be able to do support her, the school has to send supporting material such as statements from staff and pupil feedback and drawings.

## GADE SCHOOLS WORKSHOP CANCELLED

School Family Support Administrator for Gade Schools Family Support Service, Emma Christie, passed on this message about the cancellation of an upcoming workshop: "Unfortunately due to low numbers we are going to have to cancel the Keeping Families Safe Online workshop on Tuesday 6th March 2018. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause."

## UPCOMING DSPL 8 MEETINGS

DPSL 8 meetings are on throughout spring, including:

**Families in Focus Just for Dad's Guide to Empathic Communication**, so our children can learn to express themselves and reduce challenging behaviours, Gade Schools Family Services, Chaulden Junior School – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. **Managing Anxiety** is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**ADD-vance Writing Social Stories**, Hobbs Hill Wood Primary – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**'How to Talk to Your Child with SEND About Puberty'** by Roby Steward, Link Family Services Community Room, Hobletts Manor Junior School – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Communication Workshop by Families Feeling Safe**, Link Family Services Community Room, Hobletts Manor Junior School - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Managing Strong Feelings by Families Feeling Safe**, Gade Schools Family Services, Chaulden Junior School - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Free 3 Hour Course for Parent/Carers with a Child with Dyslexia**, Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Please contact Ashley Fabray on [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk) or 07525 917 125 for more details.

Saturday in their first of three home games to complete the regular league season versus Derby Trailblazers, 7pm tip off.

With the battle hotting up for play-off places, Storm need to take advantage of home games with their fantastic supporters.

Local schools and clubs receive discounted entrance prices, £6.50 per adult, £2 for those under 18. Mention your school name on the door to gain these prices.

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

If you read anything online this week, make sure you read [this article and poem](#) by Dr Sophie Billington, whose son Tristan has Asperger's syndrome.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."*

Albert Camus

## FACT OF THE WEEK

The Winter Paralympics are just a week away! Incredibly, despite appearing all 11 Winter Paralympics, Team GB have only ever won one gold medal. Skier Kelly Gallagher bagged the medal in Sochi 2014.

BBC

**Stay safe and keep warm!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

***The Collett School***