

# Collett Catch-Up



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

## **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SPORTS DAY!**

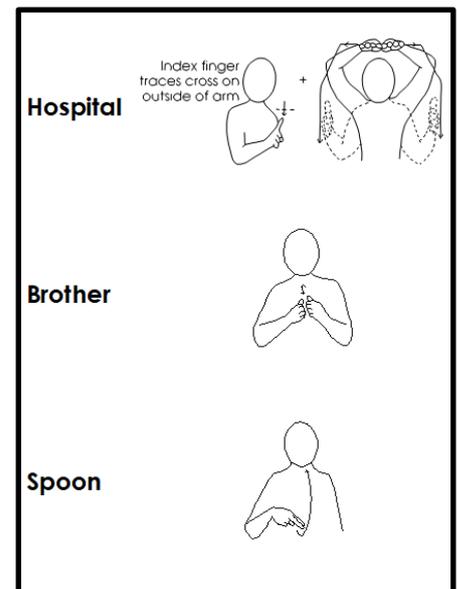
It may be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> but the bad omens stayed well away from Collett as glorious sunny weather made for a wonderful sports day!

Parents/carers, friends and family all made their way down to the field to watch our pupils take part in various events, including races, football, basketball, javelin, shot put and golf. The horsebox café was open for business, the bouncy castle was a hit with our pupils and there were plenty of other refreshments from the afternoon tea stand as the playground was transformed into what surely is the largest garden party in Collett history. Winners announced next week!

## **AWARD NOMINATION FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Robins's Teaching Assistant, Mrs Trainor, has been nominated for the Learning Support Staff Nasen Award! The Nasen Awards seek to recognise and share the best practice which, ultimately, really benefits children and young people with special and additional educational needs and disabilities. Mrs Trainor was put forward by the NHS Speech and Language Therapist team here at Collett due to the excellent work she has done in supporting the speech, language and communication needs of the pupils in Robins. Therapist Mrs Coyne said: "Mrs Trainor has worked with a number of children on our caseload this term, and

## **MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK**



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **JULY**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Open Morning

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

School Play Dress Rehearsal

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

School Play, 1pm & 6.30pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Transition Day, All Pupils

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

END OF SCHOOL TERM, 1pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

has always been incredibly dedicated, extremely prompt and creative with resources and has a lovely manner when working with both the children and parents in sessions. She has taken what she has learnt from her sessions with the Speech and Language Therapy team and has used this to not only support the children on our caseload but has also been observed using these strategies with other children in the class.

“Robins generally are a fantastic team and always keen to get stuck in to new SLT initiatives. Mr Martin and I just wanted to do this as a thank you for all the hard work they have put in and all the carry-over work they do following therapy sessions.”

## COLLETT ANIMALS SETTLE IN TO NEW HOME



In preparation for the new year, our animals opted for a change of scenery! The Pitouchi Room – named after a cat that saved a soldier in the trenches in the First World War – was previously our school art cupboard. The room was completely refurbished by Mrs Morton and Mrs Davey in their spare time. Their hard work has paid off – the room is unrecognisable! Our animals have settled in to their new homes and are loving the attention they are getting from students and staff alike.

## HOUSING ADVICE ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

Run by Gade Schools Family Support will take place on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 10.00am-10.25am, 10.30am-10.55am and 11.00am-11.25am at Gade Community Room, Chaulden Junior School, Hemel Hempstead. The session will involve speaking to a member of the

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## QUICK REMINDERS

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](#).

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## OFFICE UPDATES

### ADVICE ON WATER SAFETY

Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death for children in the UK. Keep them safe this summer with these tips from Herts Country Council, the official PDF can be found on [our website](#).

### FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

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

## WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

### ASHLYNS FESTIVAL

A two-day celebration of the start of summer, this festival at Ashlyns School, Berkhamsted will feature a VIP Cinema Evening, live music, craft beer, a gin bar, food festival

Dacorum Council Housing Team for a free 25 minute appointment. They will be able to offer advice and guidance to any housing queries.

To book, please contact Emma Christie on 01442 278793 or christiee.gadesfs@kls.herts.sch.uk

## PRIVATE FOSTERING

Do you know of someone, or are you caring for a child under 16 (or under 18 for a young person with a disability) who is living away from their parents? If the answer is yes, this is called Private Fostering. There are many reasons why children do not live at home, but whatever these are, the council need to know. To tell us about a Private Fostering arrangement call Herts County Council on 0300 123 4043 [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fostering)

## FRIENDS OF COLLETT (PTA)

**Sports Day** was a great success – thank you to all PTA members who helped organise the event. Lots of preparation went into arranging the raffle, afternoon tea and garden party theme, so well done!

The next event we will be supporting is the **School Play on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** by providing refreshments during both performances.

*If you wish to join the PTA, please email [admin@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collett.herts.sch.uk) stating in what capacity you can help.*

## MEET THE TEAM

Each week we'll be getting to know a different staff member at The Collett School. This week, we put our receptionist, **Caroline Manson**, under the spotlight!

I have been covering Mrs Chambers's maternity leave on reception since mid-January. Previously I worked for 10 years in a secondary school in Berkhamsted. It has been a breath of fresh air joining The Collett School –



it is such a warm and happy environment and I have loved getting to know all the children and meeting lots of the parents since I joined. The

and great entertainment. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30pm-11pm (tickets £10 including food and film) and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July same time (tickets £12.50 on the door). Visit [www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk](http://www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk) for more.

## EVENTS TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED THIS SUMMER

### TWO FOR ONE AT KIDZONE

Click on [this link](#) to receive a Two for One voucher to use at Kidzone, Berkhamsted! Any parents/carers are free to reproduce an unlimited number of these vouchers. Increased circulation will improve the level of donation Kidzone can make to Collett, with raffle prizes on the line!

### BOXMOOR TRUST

### SUMMER EVENTS

Are listed on our website in [this PDF](#) – plenty to do!

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

[This video](#) of families using Makaton to sign Three Lions by The Lightning Seeds went viral – and moved David Baddiel, one of the comedians behind the song, to tears.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Sports do not build character. They reveal it.”*

Heywood Broun

staff are really supportive and everyone has made me feel really welcome. I will be job-sharing the role with Mrs Chambers when she comes back to school later this year. I have two grown up children, both off at university (although back for the summer at the moment and eating me out of house and home!).

**Likes:** I started running this year, and completed a Pretty Muddy 5k Race for Life with some of the other Collett Staff last month, which was brilliant fun - and definitely muddy! I also love travelling to new places, and going to the seaside.

**Thank you for reading – have a great weekend!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

***The Collett School***

## **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Despite the result on Wednesday, the England football team made history at Russia 2018. The first opening game win since 2006, England's biggest win at a World Cup, the first World Cup win on penalties, most goals scored at a single World Cup, the first men's semi final for 28 years... and millions of proud fans. Well done, lads.

*BBC*