

# Collett Catch-Up



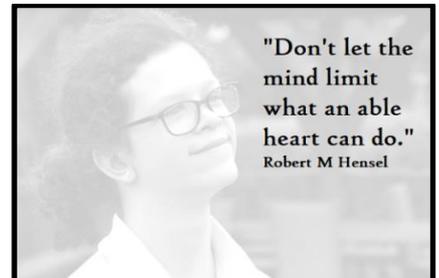
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **COLLETT! AT THE DISCO**

Friday's are for discos and dancing at The Collett School! Today we organised a special silent disco for all our students as a reward for all their wonderful hard work so far this year. It proved to be a huge success – just look at those smiles! We'll be hoping to host more in future.

## **HEMEL LIONS EVENT FOR DISADVANTAGED PUPILS**

Hemel Lions will be hosting a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for disadvantaged and disabled young people on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at Allum Hall, Elstree. The event will feature a disco, magicians, clowns, games and food. The Lions have arranged transport from Hemel Hempstead at 12.30pm for 10 children aged between 12-18, each with a parent/carer, to attend from The Collett School, on a first-come-first-serve basis - all enquiries to Terry Allen on email [ta\\_berry@msn.com](mailto:ta_berry@msn.com) or on 07951025640 by 20<sup>th</sup> October.



"Don't let the mind limit what an able heart can do."  
Robert M Hensel

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

No Pens Wednesday

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class,  
Friends of Collett AGM, 7pm

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Communication & Language Theme  
Week

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Spindle Class Assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Open Morning, 9.30am

**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](#)**

## UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS IN UGANDA



Our friends at RAP-CD, a Ugandan school for children with disabilities, have bought a photocopier and laptop with the money we raised for them earlier this year. For those who remember, Mrs Davey's class hosted toy sales earlier this year and raised a whopping £800 for RAP-CD. Richard and Jane Gill connected Collett with RAP-CD last year and passed on a letter from Maali Wilson, director of RAP-CD, which read: "I am glad to inform you that we bought a brand new photocopier and a second hand laptop with the money. "The photocopier is so nice, fast and multipurpose with a printer, photocopier and scan. It is great to have such a wonderful machine. May you kindly pass to The Collett School our appreciation and blessings. Thank you for connecting us to the school. We look forward to a continued partnership." Thank you everyone for your support – we have made a huge difference!

## REMINDER: PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL



## QUICK REMINDERS

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

**WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

## LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS THIS WEEK

Fairthorne (Year 6 only),  
Transitioning to College (Year 11 only), PGL Centre trip (middle & upper school only), ClassDojo

## OFFICE UPDATES

### FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

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

### VIOLENT & CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

A free DSPL8 event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm-9.30pm at Hobbs Hill Wood School, Hemel Hempstead. Focusing on violent and challenging behaviour in children with additional needs. To book contact Ashley Fabray on [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)

### DSPL8 COURSES FULLY BOOKED

The booked courses are as follows:  
Helping your Child through anxious times – 10.10.18 – 14.11.18  
Violent & Challenging Behaviour in Children with additional needs – 16.10.2018

### DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP

By LINK Family Services for families in DSPL8. Second Tuesday of the

There has been a complaint from a local resident, who sent the school office this photo about cars blocking the pavement opposite the school. The vehicles may not belong to staff or parents/carers but could all those who drive to the school please be mindful in future of local residents and their concerns. Thank you.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE FAIRTHORNE TRIP

A reminder to parents/carers that the trip to Fairthorne Manor is a Year 6 event only and will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A letter was distributed to parents/carers this week. There are currently spaces for 10 pupils only.

## MEET THE TEAM

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

I joined Collett January 2016 after spending 10 years working at a mainstream infant school locally. Initially, I worked on the school website, weekly newsletter and data analysis. All of these gave me the opportunity to spend time in the classes with the pupils, which was great. My role then developed so I



also helped with fundraising and in July 2017 I took over as School Bursar. Basically, I look after the money. I monitor the school budget, expenditure and income along with matters to do with the premises and staffing. I really enjoy my job and could not imagine working in mainstream again. I remember during my first week joining the pupils on the playground for morning break. I could see one girl standing by herself so went over to say hello. She looked me up and down and gave me the strangest look before walking away. Several months later she spoke to me for the first time, which made my day. Last summer she left Collett but during our time together here we spoke regularly, played tag at lunch times and chatted about the pictures she had drawn. That girl made a real difference to my life and I shall never forget the look on her

month at Hobletts Manor School, Hemel Hempstead from 1.15pm-2.45pm. No booking required and refreshments provided.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

**Our first Friends of Collett AGM will take place next Thursday!** The event will begin at 7pm. All are welcome! The next PTA event will be a Halloween Activities afternoon on Thursday 25th October. Please take the time to read through our Welcome Flyer on our website, which you can view [here](#).

## WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

### DONKEY ROADSHOW

The Donkey Sanctuary, who visit Collett regularly, are doing a Donkey Road Show! They will be visiting the Hemel Hempstead area on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of October. To book please contact Carl Wholey on [carl.wholey@thedonkey-sanctuary.org.uk](mailto:carl.wholey@thedonkey-sanctuary.org.uk) or 01395 573039.

### HERTS 'SHOUT ABOUT IT' FORUM

A countywide event for disabled, elderly, or vulnerable people and carers. This free event will be held at The Ibis Forum, Stevenage on 18<sup>th</sup> October from 11am-3pm.

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

Enter Shikari are supporting a music therapy scheme for people

face that first meeting. She, like all the pupils here, make a real impact on all the staff.

**Thank you for reading!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

**Want to share something in the newsletter? Send your news in using the email address below:**

***harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk***

with autism. Check out [the BBC video](#) on the scheme.

### **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Only 10% of autistic adults receive employment support but 53% say they want it. Changing society to cater for those with additional needs is a major goal for us here at

Collett!

*National Autistic Society*