

# Collett Catch-Up



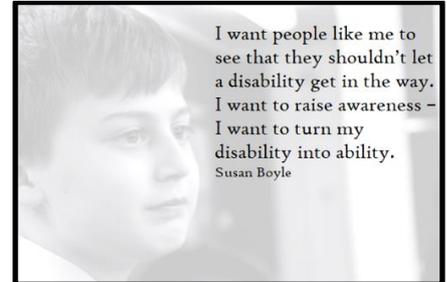
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

Collett went Hello Yellow on Wednesday in support of World Mental Health Day. Mental health plays a major role for everyone in society, and here at Collett we are very keen to spread awareness of this. According to the National Autistic Society, around 70% of autistic children and young people have mental health problems. This makes this issue even more important to us here at Collett. Throughout the day, classes discussed the differences between mental and physical illness and, more importantly, how to help ourselves with healthy eating, exercise and medication (if necessary). Ms Witter, of Rowan Class, said: "The children in Rowan demonstrated great insight and awareness into their own mental and physical wellbeing and those around them. They made great banners too!"

## **NEW LOCAL INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL TEAM**

Hemel Aces FC, a recently formed football club open to all players from 8 years plus, has spaces available. The club is term time only on Friday



I want people like me to see that they shouldn't let a disability get in the way. I want to raise awareness - I want to turn my disability into ability.  
Susan Boyle

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER**

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

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

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

Open Morning, 9.30am

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Dacorum Careers Fair, 9-10am

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Halloween Activities

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

HALF TERM BEGINS

**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](#)**

evenings 7pm-8pm at Hemel Hempstead School (on the astroturf). It is £3 per week after £20 annual membership paid or simply £5 every time you turn up. The club will be entering Herts FA, so will participate in football festivals and tournaments. Please contact Kenny Lawrence 07768693699 for more information.

## **SIGNING UP TO EVERBRIDGE**

A number of parents/carers have asked how to sign up to Everbridge, which is used by the majority of schools in Hertfordshire to inform parents/carers which schools are open or closed during bad weather.

**Firstly**, [click here to go to the Herts Schools Everbridge log in page](#). Just beneath the Log In button is a link to the Sign Up page. Click this, fill in the online forms, and your account should be set up in 5 minutes!

## **PTA, PARENT VOICE & FUNDRAISING**

**The first Friends of Collett AGM** took place last Thursday evening and was hugely successful. Helen Land and Harjit Wells were voted in as Co-Chairs, Gillian Lawton is Vice Chair, Caroline Manson is Secretary, Harry Crawford Vice Secretary, Rachael Lampey is Treasurer and Jen Sewell is Health & Safety Officer.

The Class Reps are as follows: **Lions**, Emma Brooks / **Tigers**, Davanna McQueen and Harjit Wells / **Leopards**, Helen Land / **Panthers**, Helen Hopkins and Stacey Fry / **Cedar**, Donna Oxley / **Fig**, TBA / **Dragon**, Jen Sewell / **Spindle**, Susie Lines / **Rowan**, TBA / **Sequoia**, Kerry Sager and Tammy Knight / **Willow**, TBA

**Our next PTA meetings are on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, both at midday at the school.

**Our next event is Halloween Activities on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm-2.15pm – children welcome to come in fancy dress!** If you can help out, please contact someone at reception or a member of the PTA.

**The following event will be our Christmas Fair on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Each class will be involved in running a stall. More details to follow nearer the time. If anyone has any unwanted gifts that would be good for a tombola stall, please can they send them in to the office.

To contact the PTA, please email [admin@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collett.herts.sch.uk) or phone 01442 398988.

## **QUICK REMINDERS**

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

**WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

## **LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK**

**College Visits (Year 11 Only),  
Chicken Shed Theatre (Upper  
School Only)**

## **OFFICE UPDATES**

### **PARENT SUPPORT BOOKLET**

We have uploaded a PDF containing local support groups and workshops, [click here to see it](#) or find it on the Parents & Carers page on the website.

## **LOCAL COURSES FOR YOU**

### **FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES**

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

### **DSPL8 CONFERENCE 2018**

A free event for parents/carers on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-2.30pm at South Hill Centre, Hemel Hempstead. Lunch provided.

This conference focuses on Speech, Language and Communication. Contact Ashley Fabray for more info: [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)

Or phone 07525 917125

## **WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU**

### **BOXMOOR TRUST EVENTS**

## COMING SOON...

We are in the process of setting up a school vlog! Page on the website to follow, so stay tuned. In the meantime, [check out our YouTube channel](#) with videos about fundraising projects and learning in school.

## PARKING AT THE SCHOOL

A reminder to parents/carers that you cannot park in the school car park. These spaces are reserved for staff only. If you are coming in for an EHCP meeting, then you are allowed to park here if space is available. Otherwise, please use the roads in the surrounding area. We apologise for the obvious inconvenience this causes, but unfortunately our car park is simply too small.

## HELP US WITH OUR AUCTION!

Friends of Collett host an online auction each year. Currently, we're in the process of collecting first class items and experiences that our supporters across the local community and country want to buy.

Past prizes have included signed football shirts, afternoon tea on the Thames, and even two return tickets to New York with Virgin Atlantic!

If you have something you would like to donate (perhaps some memorabilia?) an experience you could provide others (perhaps you have a skill that you could use for free?) or know the company you work for could offer a prize, then please get in contact with [harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk) or phone 01442 398988.

## WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL...

**Each week, we'll be posting a list of items our staff are looking for to improve their classrooms for their students.** If you have spare or unused items that match the descriptions below, then please contact the school office on [admin@collett.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collett.herts.sch.uk) or 01442 398 988. The items this week are as follows:

*A4/A3 card, any colour / A4 zip wallets / Coloured pencils / Sellotape / Airdry clay / HB pencils / Erasers / Playdough / Water beads / Bubble mixture / Laminating Pouches A3/A4 / Whiteboard pens - black medium / Writing slopes*

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Boxmoor Trust Autumn Festival, 11am-3pm @ Blackbirds Moor.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Boxmoor Trust Autumn Festival, 12pm-3pm @ Blackbirds Moor.

### 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.

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

[Listen to our fundraiser](#) Jan Maddern on Radio Dacorum about how the Tesco Bags of Help scheme helped Collett redevelop the lower school playground earlier this year.

## FACT OF THE WEEK

In light of World Mental Health Day: Around 70% of autistic children and young people have mental health problems - and many autistic adults do too.  
*National Autistic Society*

## AWARDS

### Reading

3 x Cedar / 1 x Rowan

### Bronze

1 x Fig / 1 x Spindle / 1 x Rowan

### Bronze Buddies

**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***

5 x Cedar

**Singer of the Week**

1 x Cedar / 1 x Rowan / 1 x Dragon

/ 1 x Leopards