

Collett Catch-Up



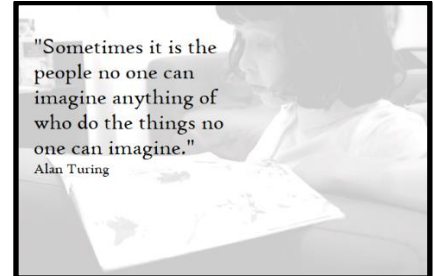
Friday 19th October 2018

CLASSES GETTING CREATIVE

Our classes have been getting in the creative spirit recently. Dragon Class created a fantastic space station, and Spindle proudly displayed their art work in the school. Simply stunning!

HALLOWEEN AT THE COLLETT SCHOOL

Staff and pupils will be celebrating Halloween next Thursday after lunch. We have activities planned in the hall from 1pm until 2.15pm, which include decorating a pumpkin, apple bobbing, spooky cake and cookie decorating, Halloween mask-making, hot chocolate and marshmallows, face-painting, spooky music play-list, spooky film show. All are welcome to come in fancy dress! It is optional to bring a small pumpkin in for your child to decorate.



"Sometimes it is the people no one can imagine anything of who do the things no one can imagine."
Alan Turing

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Tuesday 23rd October

Open Morning, 9.30am

Wednesday 24th October

Dacorum Careers Fair, 9-10am

Thursday 25th October

Halloween Activities

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class

Friday 26th October

Harvest Festival

Monday 29th October

HALF TERM BEGINS

NOVEMBER

Friday 9th November

END OF HALF TERM

Visit us for more info. at

www.collett.herts.sch.uk

You can also follow us on

social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

STRANGER DANGER

There have been 'stranger danger' incidents in the Hemel area recently and messages have been sent out by other schools regarding this. As such, this is a good time to remind children that 'stranger danger' is a constant risk. Please talk to your child about these dangers and what they can do to prevent anything happening. For more advice on safety tips, please [visit the NSPCC website](#).

PLAYPARK SEN SESSIONS!

DJ's Play Park in Hemel Hempstead, the newest soft play area in West Herts, have their exclusive SEN session this Saturday 9am-10am. Relax and have a coffee during a calm, quieter session. Located in Jarman Park. SEN sessions are always hosted every 3rd Saturday of every month, 9-10am. In other news, DJ's Play Park have recently taken over Kidzone in Berkhamsted. Kidzone has been shut down immediately to be rebranded and will open later this month under the DJ's Play Park name.

CREATE AN ENERGY SAVING HOME

Want to know where heat is leaking from your house? Borrow a thermal imaging camera to find out! Book a free information session to borrow the camera at www.sustainablestalbans.org

Free information sessions will take place in Harpenden on Monday 22nd October, Tuesday 6th November, Monday 19th November, Monday 3rd December and Wednesday 12th December, all at 8-9pm. Sessions will take place in St Albans on Monday 22nd October, Thursday 6th December and Monday 10th December, all at 8-9pm.

DSPL8 CONFERENCE UPDATE

The DSPL8 Conference event is now fully booked for professional bookings. However, there are still a few places available for parents/carers to attend. This is a free event on Wednesday 7th November, 9.30am-2.30pm at South Hill Centre, Hemel Hempstead. Lunch provided. The conference focuses on Speech, Language and Communication. Contact Ashley Fabray for more info: fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk or phone 07525 917125.

QUICK REMINDERS

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

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK

Beckonscot Trip, Medical Care Plan

OFFICE UPDATES

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SEVERE

WEATHER APP

Please see last week's newsletter for instructions. Thank you.

LOCAL COURSES FOR YOU

FAMILY SUPPORT COURSES

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

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.

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR

A free six week course for parents/carers with children aged 2-19 with an additional need. Will help you to: understand child's behaviour, find strategies, manage anger, motivate and encourage. Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November and Wednesday 5th, 12th

PTA, PARENT VOICE & FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Focus for The Collett School

There are many projects that the fundraising team are focusing on at Collett. To complete our Repair and Replenish Plan, we will need to raise over a million pounds. Upcoming essential projects include: toilets and shower rooms for meeting pupils' needs (approx. £100,000), Upper School playground creation (approx. £150,000), IT (approx. £85,000), Safeguarding Technology (approx. £20,000), Lighting (approx. £35,000). There are many more which will need addressing over the course of the next academic year.

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 13th November at midday.

The next event we are preparing for is our Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st 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 or phone 01442 398988.

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, please get in contact with 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 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

December 2018. Tring Community Centre, Silk Mill Way, HP23 5EP.
Booking essential. Contact 01442 300185 or info@supportinglinks.co.uk

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 24th and 25th of October. To book please contact Carl Wholey on carl.wholey@thedonkey-sanctuary.org.uk or 01395 573039.

FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

Activities aimed at families with children aged 3-12.

Tuesday 30th October, 10am-12.30pm at Galley Hill Primary School, Hemel Hempstead.
Entrance fee: £2 per child.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

[A wonderful story emerged](#) this week that staff at a Tesco in Bradford specially opened a till so a boy with Down Syndrome could scan some shopping.

FACT OF THE WEEK

There are approximately 40,000 people in the UK with Down Syndrome.
Down's Syndrome Association

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

AWARDS

Singer of the Week

1 x Panthers, 2 x Cedar, 1 x Rowan

Bronze Awards

5 x Leopards, 2 x Panthers, 2 x
Cedar, 1 x Spindle, 4 x Rowan, 4 x
Willow