

# Collett Catch-Up



The Collett School  
Special Educational Needs



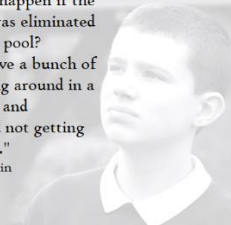
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

## NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING

### THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Time to get excited – our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10.30am-1pm!** Be sure not to miss out on visiting Santa's Grotto, eating mince pies and visiting all our festive stalls – there's fun for all the family (and mulled wine for the adults). Profits will be divided between classes. And remember to bring lots of change for the stalls! Everything will be 20p, 50p or £1.

"What would happen if the autism gene was eliminated from the gene pool? You would have a bunch of people standing around in a cave, chatting and socialising and not getting anything done."  
Dr Temple Grandin



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Assessment Week

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Open Morning, 9.30am

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

Boxmoor Trust Visit for Lions Class

### DECEMBER

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

School Christmas Fayre, 10.30am-1pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Willow Class Assembly, 8.45am

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Lower School Nativity, 1pm & 6pm

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](#)

We still need the following donations for the event: wrapping paper, small packets of sweets (ie. Haribo), items for the children's tombola (ie. soft drinks, sweets or new toys), alcoholic drinks for the adult tombola, tinned hot dogs, mince pies and soft drinks.

Please invite friends and family so your child can show off our fabulous school! We hope to see you there.

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

We have recently funded 11 sets of six reading books at a cost of £300. Additionally, the team from Warner Bros Studios Leavesden took some time out of their busy



schedule to sort out the wiring for the new sensory room. Experia are coming in over the Christmas holiday and will be working till 10pm every day to complete the project in time for the New Year!

### **ONLINE CHARITY AUCTION UPDATE**

The online auction finished at 9pm yesterday – thank you for either bidding or spreading the word! Preliminary reports suggest we have raised thousands for the school – a phenomenal success! The accompanying charity dinner dance at Shendish Manor takes place tomorrow evening. We'll be hoping to raise thousands more with the live auction lots on the night. A total will be posted next week!

### **SUPPORT OUR BUDDING DRAGONS!**

As mentioned last week, Collett pupils Connor, Josh, Phoebe and Danny are working with some students from St Luke's as part of The Dragons' Apprentice Challenge Programme. They have been paired with Gaddesden Place RDA centre who give children and adults with special needs and disabilities the opportunity to



ride horses. They have been given £100 and need to turn it into at least £1000 by February. Alongside events that will be taking place, they have created a fundraising page. [Click here if you would like to donate](#). Pictured here is Bill, the horse the team is raising money for!

## **QUICK REMINDERS**

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

**WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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

**Data Breach**

## **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.

## **AMBERPLUS – MUSIC FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

AmberPlus is a music service for children over the age of five with visual impairments or complex needs. There are free online resources at [www.ambertrust.org/amberplus](http://www.ambertrust.org/amberplus)

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

### **AUTISM FRIENDLY FILM SCREENING @ CINEWORLD**

See an autism friendly screening of *The Grinch* on Sunday 2nd December at 11am, at

## SEVERE WEATHER PAGE

In light of the wintery weather to come, this week we launched a Severe Weather page on our school website. The aim of the page is to clarify our procedures with regards to school closures due to extreme weather like storms or snow and ice. A new school policy regarding severe weather has also been uploaded to the Policies page. **In the meantime, please remember to sign up to Everbridge** – the system which all Herts schools use to communicate whether they are closed. [Sign up by clicking this link](#) – it takes 5 minutes.

## THERAPEUTIC HOOVES

This Hertford based charity offers a wide range of therapeutic support options for those with physical, mental, emotional or behavioural additional needs. They believe that applying equine therapy in parallel with existing care structures can make a real and positive impact on families. [Visit their website for more information.](#)

**Thank you for reading!**

***Mr Harry Crawford***

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

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participating Cineworld cinemas (including Hemel Hempstead).

### **CHRISTMAS LIVE @ HEMEL**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, from 12pm, lights switch on at 5.30pm. A whole afternoon of festive fun including free family activities and a firework finale.

### **BERKO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, from 3pm. See the Berkhamsted Town Council website for more details.

## ONLINE THIS WEEK

Anne Hegerty has been the talk of the country this week after she [spoke openly about having Asperger's on I'm A Celebrity.](#)

Fantastic to see autism and special needs being talked about in a positive light!

## AWARDS

### **BRONZE**

Dragon x 10, Fig x 3, Spindle x 7, Tigers x 1, Willow x 2, Panthers x 2, Cedar x 2, Sequoia x 3

### **SILVER**

3 x Fig

### **READING**

1 x Rowan

### **SINGER OF THE WEEK**

1 x Fig, 2 x Panthers, 1 x Dragon, 1 x Rowan, 1 x Willow