

# Collett Catch-Up



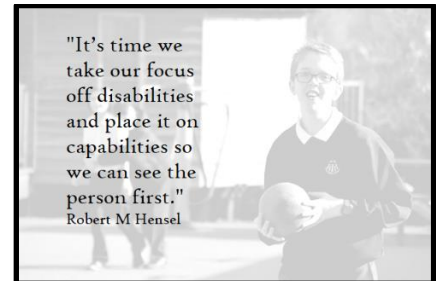
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

## **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHARITY DINNER DANCE!**

November is a special month for everyone here at The Collett School SEN as we host our annual charity dinner dance and online auction to raise much needed funds for our pupils. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> was no different. Thanks to our brilliant hosts Shendish Manor, we put on a spectacular night our guests won't forget for a quite some time.

We are delighted to announce that the live auction on the night raised a whopping £4625 – but that's not all! The online auction raised a total of £3620. This means £8245 has been raised for the school – a phenomenal amount which will help each and every child here at Collett. Executive Headteacher Mr Houlton-Allen said of the event: "It was fantastic to celebrate the work of the school at our fundraiser with so many people in our community – staff, parents and business professionals. We raised much needed funds for our pupils with complex needs, all of who are fully involved in making decisions on improving our school resources."

The team here at Collett cannot thank Bryher Fuller and her dedicated team at Shendish Manor enough for the splendid



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Open Morning for New Parents, 9.30am

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Xmas Jumper Day & Xmas Lunch!

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**[www.collett.herts.sch.uk](http://www.collett.herts.sch.uk)**

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hospitality they showed us and our guests. In particular, we cannot praise highly enough the attentive and efficient nature of all of the staff working throughout the evening and Bryher's own support in helping us organise prior to the event. Thank you also to everyone who either bid on items, spread the word or attended the dinner dance. You have made a real difference to the lives and futures of our children!

## **NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING**

### **THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Our Christmas Fayre is tomorrow! The event will be held from 10.30am till 1pm. Please be aware that parking is limited at the school. Also, there will no longer be stalls held outside on the playground due to the weather. We hope to see you all there!

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

This week we have bought a new heater worth £300 for primary, and chairs for Panthers worth £400. £1140 worth of class resources have been donated by guests at our charity dinner dance at Shendish Manor as part of our Wish Tree scheme. We will be signing up to Reading Eggs at a cost of £610, which will provide a wide selection of books for the children to read and access online. We also have new IT equipment on the way – 24 student laptops, five staff laptops, and nine iPads at a total cost of £23,000.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**



Yes, it's that time of year already! We've just started to put up our Christmas decorations in time for all the wonderful events we have lined up here at Collett. You all know about the Christmas Fayre tomorrow, but what else do we have planned? Read on to find out!

**Tuesday 11th December:** Choir @ local old people's home

**Thursday 13th December 1pm & 6pm:** Lower School Nativity

## **QUICK REMINDERS**

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

**WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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

Warner Bros. Christmas Market  
(Willow Class only), Celebrations  
for Year 11s (Year 11s only)

## **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 details can be found on  
[their website](#).

### **NEW SUPPORT COURSES**

There's a host of new courses  
based in Hemel and Watford – you  
can find a list of them [on our  
website](#).

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

**AUTISM FRIENDLY FILM  
SCREENING @ CINEWORLD**

**Wednesday 18th December:** Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, Disco, Santa – a busy day indeed!

**Friday 21st December:** Visiting St Mary's Church and early finish.

## **REDBOURN LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR**

Our sister school St Luke's will be hosting a performance from the Redbourn Living Advent Calendar at 6.15pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December and again on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The event has been a great way to engage the local community and involves a simple format. Each day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6.15pm a door will open somewhere in the village for a 15-minute surprise. Pupils and staff are very excited to be involved this year! Reverend Tim Vickers, a governor at St Luke's, said: "If you are able to come early it would be a great way to see how the school is enabling and growing links with the local community."

All are welcome to attend! You can find more details [via this link](#).

## **HELP US IMPROVE OUR 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. Just one item this week! We're looking for **Christmas Lights** to be used for our Christmas trees.

**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](mailto:harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk)***

See an autism friendly screening of

*The Grinch* on Sunday 2nd

December at 11am, at

participating Cineworld cinemas

(including Hemel Hempstead).

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN HEMEL**

There are plenty of Christmas light switch-on events across Hemel Hempstead. Check out info on the

[Dacorum website](#).

## **ONLINE THIS WEEK**

Autistic tennis coach Matthew Chilvers has been nominated for the Unsung Hero award for the Sports Personality of the Year!

[Watch the video here](#).

## **FACT OF THE WEEK**

Despite autism having been a recognised form of special needs since the 1940s, the Autism Act in England was only introduced in 2009, which guaranteed to the rights of autistic adults. Wales is the only country in the UK yet to add its own act.

*National Autistic Society*

## **AWARDS**

### **BRONZE**

Leopards x 2

Panthers x 4