



Friday 7th December 2018

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

As you can gather from the photos above, the first Collett Christmas Fayre was a huge success! Thanks to our team of helpers, we put on a fantastic array of stalls, bringing festive cheer and spirit to one and all. Even Mr Hoults-Allen got in on the act (see if you can spy him in the top right hand photo)!

Our receptionist Mrs Manson, who helped organise the event, said:

"Why should I cry for not being an apple, when I was born an orange? I'd be crying for an illusion. I may as well cry for not being a horse."
Donna Williams

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thursday 13th

Lower School Nativity, 1pm & 6pm

Friday 14th

Coffee Morning, 9.45am

Tuesday 18th

Open Morning for New Parents,
9.30am

Wednesday 19th

Xmas Jumper Day, Xmas Disco &
Xmas Lunch!

Friday 21st

Assembly @ St Mary's Church,
10am

BREAK UP FOR CHRIIIISTMAAAS!

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www.collett.herts.sch.uk

You can also follow us on

social media, find us on

Facebook, [Friends of Collett](#)

or Twitter, [@CollettSchool](#)

QUICK REMINDERS

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

"It was so well supported by our families and such a nice atmosphere. It was made extra special by the lovely singing of our school choir and the amazing Chris Luff, who was the best Santa we could possibly have asked for. He even came equipped with a snow machine, which added an extra touch of magic to the event.

"Please thank friends and family who came to help too - we had lots of little helpers, who all did a brilliant job, we really couldn't have done it without you all." We can't wait till next year!

Money raised from the event will be divided equally between the classes to help with essential resources.

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As part of our Shendish Charity Dinner Dance, the fundraising team organised a Wish Tree to bring presents



straight to the classroom! The idea behind the Wish Tree is simple. Each class decided on 10 presents they would thought would benefit them all, making a total list of 110 presents. These were then presented at the dinner dance, with kind patrons putting their name down for certain prizes. Now those prizes have started to pour in, and the reaction from the children has been quite emphatic! We've had plenty of happy pupils.

MINI CHRISTMAS AUCTION!

Just when one auction finishes, another one comes along – and just in time for Christmas! We launched our first joint auction with our sister school St Luke's at midday today, with the profits being split equally between the schools! Take a look for yourself and [click here to visit the website](#).

SHENDISH FEEDBACK

If those who attended the charity dinner dance could please [provide feedback to Shendish on Trip Advisor](#) it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SCHOOL EVENTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK

Lower School Christmas Play (Lower School 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

HEMEL SANTA DASH

...takes place this Sunday from 10am till midday in the town centre. Cheer on the runners or take part yourself!

BOXMOOR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Over 40 lit and decorated trees in the idyllic surroundings of St John's

More decorations are lining our school. Look at our wonderful Christmas tree in reception! (Thanks to Pines & Needles for the donation) Here's an updated version of our upcoming festive events over the next few weeks:



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

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

Tuesday 18th December: Choir @ Warner Bros.

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, Disco & Santa

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

COLLEGE TASTER DAY FOR YEAR 11

Some of our Year 11s went on a taster day to West Herts College to experience what a different college campus on Thursday. Careers Lead Ms Wells said: "They had a great day, ate lunch in the canteen, did a quiz and had to find the answers by walking around the campus. They loved meeting up and chatting with old students too!"

SPACE AVAILABLE ON FAIRTHORNE TRIP

There is now a space available on the Fairthorne trip which is open to Year 6 pupils. If there is someone who would like to go who is not already going, parents can contact reception. First come, first served. The trip is from 1st to 5th April 2019. Thank you.

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 or 01442 398 988. We're looking for the following:

Christmas lights / Black pens / Pritt sticks / Blu tack / Paper / Whiteboard pens

Thank you for reading!

Church, Boxmoor. From Friday 14th till Tuesday 18th December.

Opening times vary. Father Christmas will be in attendance!

ST ALBANS CHRISTMAS MARKET

...is on now till Saturday 22nd

December! not only will you be able to shop for unique hand-made goods from picturesque wooden chalets, you'll also be able to enjoy all the fun of a winter wonderland with rides, a spectacular virtual reality Santa's grotto experience, Christmas movies, skating, an ice bar and much, much more.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Two brothers with Asperger's have set up their very own comic book shop and [talked to the BBC](#) about their story. There is a place for those with special needs in the working world!

FACT OF THE WEEK

People with a demand avoidant profile can appear to have better social understanding and communication skills than others on the autism spectrum, and are often able to use this to their advantage. However, they might not really have as good an understanding of social matters as it seems.

National Autistic Society

AWARDS

Mr Harry Crawford

**Want to share something in the newsletter? Send your news
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harry.crawford@collett.herts.sch.uk

Silver

1 x Willow, 5 x Rowan

Bronze

2 x Panthers, 1 x Cedar, 7 x Tigers,

2 x Willow

Reading

2 x Dragon, 1 x Rowan, 1 x Lions, 1

x Tigers, 1 x Cedar