



Friday 14th December 2018

XMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

As some of you already know, Collett hosts two Christmas card competitions each year. MP for Hemel Hempstead Sir Mike Penning chooses from a selection of local school pupil designs for his personal Christmas card, which is sent off to over 5,000 people across the world! The winner was Jordan from Rowan Class – congratulations! Meanwhile, Marcus from Leopards Class won the official Collett Christmas card competition, which will be sent out to all our wonderful supporters. Mr Hault-Allen said: “We are very honoured that Sir Mike has chosen our school and were delighted to welcome him to our assembly. Congratulations to both Jordan and Marcus for their beautiful cards.”

You can see the winning designs for yourself in our reception.

A SPECIAL NATIVITY

Our nativity on Thursday was a huge success, with some lovely performances from all the pupils! Lower School Lead and Tigers Class teacher Mr Chaplin said: “I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the Christmas play this year. The children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!” Photos to come next week!

"The most interesting people you'll find are ones that don't fit into your average cardboard box. They'll make what they need, they'll make their own boxes."
Dr Temple Grandin

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

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,
9.30am

BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS! 1pm

JANUARY

Monday 7th

Back to School

Friday 18th

Dragon Class Assembly, 8.45am,
Coffee Morning, 9.45am

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COLLETT CHOIR BRING FESTIVE SPIRIT TO DACORUM



Our school choir hit all the right notes on their mini tour of Dacorum on Tuesday. In the morning, the choir visited Robin Hood House Care Home in Berkhamsted and thoroughly enjoyed singing carols to all in attendance. Music Lead Mrs Cripps said: "The pupils were real superstars today! The residents really enjoyed the carols and our pupils were brilliant chatting with the residents after singing. They were a credit to the school."

In the afternoon, the choir sang carols at The Forum in Hemel Hempstead. Mrs Cripps added: "The pupils behaved brilliantly and sang enthusiastically and a good amount of money was raised for the school." It most certainly was – the choir raised £177, 8 pence, a Euro, a 5 cent coin and a partridge in a pear tree!

Fundraiser Jan Maddern said of the event: "Our awesome choir sang their hearts out at The Forum to the council staff and members of the public. There were so many people standing looking down into the atrium for the whole 35 minutes, lots of clapping and thumbs up from the audience."

BESPOKE IPAD/IPHONE HOLDERS MADE TO ORDER!



Upper School pupil Connor is making and selling bespoke wooden iPad/iPhone stands. Large: £7.50 each or 3 for £20. Small: £5 each.

QUICK REMINDERS

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

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

LETTERS SENT VIA SCHOOLCOMMS LAST WEEK

Choir @ Warner Bros (Choir Pupils 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

BOXMOOR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Over 40 lit and decorated trees in the idyllic surroundings of St John's Church, Boxmoor. From today till Tuesday 18th December. Opening

All money will be going towards the school's Dragons Den Apprenticeship challenge. Any requests or payments, please visit reception – thank you!

DRAGONS CRAFT THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS



Our Dragons Den team were hard at work this week, creating festive crafts to sell at the Warner Bros Studios Christmas market next Tuesday. All the money raised will be going to help Bill the horse at Gaddesden Riding for the Disabled! [You can help by clicking here.](#)

NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF COLLETT & FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Crackers and mince pies for our Christmas dinner have been kindly donated by Sopra Steria. We have also received two hoovers over the past week, and £100 has been added to all class budgets from the money raised at the Christmas Fayre.

MINI CHRISTMAS AUCTION!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our mini Christmas auction – we raised a total of £210! This will be split between both Collett and St Luke's.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

Herts County Council who are looking for views from parents/carers and family of children with SEN as part of their project to improve SEND support services. [Click here to access the survey.](#)

HELP US IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL!

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.

THE FINAL COLLETT

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

A reminder to you all of our main upcoming Christmas events:

Wednesday 19th December:

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, Disco & Santa

Friday 21st December: Visiting St

Mary's Church at 9.30am (all parents/carers welcome!) and early finish at 1pm.

ONLINE THIS WEEK

Sarah Gordy MBE, famous for her role in *Call the Midwife* and SEN activism, became the first person with Down Syndrome to receive an honorary degree from a UK university. [Listen to her incredible speech here.](#)

FACT OF THE WEEK

As yet we do not know what causes the presence of an extra

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:

Black Pens / Pritt Sticks / Blu Tack / Paper / Whiteboard Pens / two Baby Gates

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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chromosome 21 (which enables Down Syndrome). There is no way of predicting whether a person is more or less likely to make an egg or sperm with 24 chromosomes.

Down's Syndrome Association