# Park Community School

















Our school is set in a stunning park environment for the benefit of the community. Seven years ago our campus was redeveloped using our vision to create a "Cathedral in the Community". Today when you visit you will see the school being used for a wide range of activities and very much at the heart of this community.

#### Covid-19 Impact

In March 2020 no one could have foreseen that the country would have to adhere to restrictions which would change how we live, operate as a school and as hub of our community.

From April 2020 few bookings have taken place, although in August we were able to open to provide Connect4Summer providing some change for children and parents. This has impacted significantly on our ability to generate income.

However, we did not stand still and you will read about how we have gained funding, opened the Tea Rooms at the Coach House and the Munch Community Pantry.



Successfully raised 155k for community projects

In partnership with RCS awarded £998k to deliver summer holiday activities and food

## **Our History**

- 1958 Broomfield Secondary School opened
- 1988 Broomfield closed
- 1988 Park Community School opened
- 2003 Community Department was formed
- 2010 The Dickinson Centre opened
- 2010 Park Community Ventures Charity formed
- 2012 School rebuilding work starts
- 2013 Park Community Enterprises Limited formed
- 2013 Lease acquired for industrial unit and Park Design and Print established
- 2014 Small holding land leased and Park Small-holding established
- 2014 Moved into new school buildings
- 2015 School rebuilding complete
- 2015 Lease acquired and Apex Construction Centre established
- 2015 Synthetic turf pitch constructed
- 2015 The Hermitage Stream path joined together
- 2016 Springwood Park Pre-School and Nursery established
- 2020 Tea Rooms at The Coach House opens
- 2020 MUNCH Community Pantry opens













As a school we remained open for our key worker and vulnerable children and introduced measures to ensure everyone's safety including:

- Signage throughout the building
- Increased sanitiser stations
- Year group zones to reduce mixing
- Test and trace systems
- Installation of testing booths to carry out lateral flow tests

#### Laptops

We were fortunate to receive laptops, funded by the DfE and ASDA Havant superstore, to distribute to students who were without one at home

#### Remote learning

Students received sets of printed work and remote work via the school website. Live lessons by teachers via video, along with teachers in classrooms in our keyworker school.

#### **Testing**

The Theatre became a venue for testing in early 2021 complete with booths. Over 400 tests were carried out on some days.

#### Flu nasal vaccine

The Dickinson Centre was used by the NHS to administer the nasal spray flu vaccine for children in the area. Clinics took place on a daily basis.









Park Community School Newsletter

#### What makes Park Community School different?

The school's staff consists of many teams all working toward the same goal; to ensure that Park is 'Much More Than Just a School' for our students and the community.





#### **Student Employment Agency**

Over 115 students have had paid employment since we opened our Student Employment Agency in 2017. During the summer, through the Connect4Summer project across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight, 112 students were employed, 85% were Year 11 students. Students can only apply if they have good references from key members of school staff and over 96% attendance. Although through our recruitment agency, a number of these students were from Park Community School, creating Connect4Summer meant we were able to offer the opportunity of paid employment to students from other schools.

Our recruitment process requires the student applicant to:

- Complete an application form
- Acquire references from key school staff
- Take part in a group exercise
- Complete individual tasks relating to the position
- Undergo an interview with school staff

### Positions advertised:

IT Assistant
Performing Arts Technician
Site Team Assistant
Community Assistant
Event Assistant
Animal Care Assistant

Catering Assistant Receptionist Classroom Monitor Print Shop Assistant Tea Room Assistant Student Playworker

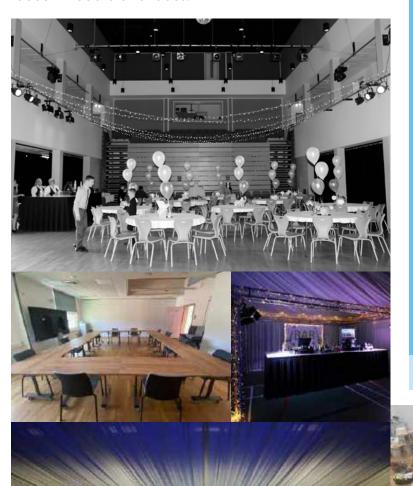
#### Skills and knowledge gained

- Customer care
- Budgeting, counting money
- Event set up and party host
- Time sheet calculations
- IT skills in the workplace
- Self confidence
- Understanding what employers want
- Telephone and office skills
- Time management and prioritising
- General maintenance
- Working to deadlines
- Working as part of a team
- Animal care
- Printing and design work
- Healthy cooking
- Health and safety at work
- Playworking



We pride ourselves on being a quality venue with high levels of customer care for all our visitors. We are very accommodating and flexible to meet customer's individual needs whether it is hiring changing rooms with showers for a football match, to being a beautiful wedding venue.

If you want a meeting space then the Dickinson Centre is well equipped to meet your needs with parking to accommodate attendees.



Open on Christmas Day

Open a minimum 16 hours at weekends

245 seat main theatre

180 seat lecture theatre

Regular hirers

Springwood Park Pre-School and Nursery

Student Employment Agency

Wedding Venue

3G FIFA accredited Synthetic Turf Pitch

Party and festival venue

Business meetings in the Dickinson Centre

NHS use of Dickinson Centre

#### **Our Partners**

We consider ourselves 'much more than just a school' and our tree displays some of the many partners that help us achieve this.

















## MUNEH ensures that no child, no matter what school or age need go hungry during the holidays.

We established Munch in January 2017. We provide free hot meals for children and their families in the school holidays. This developed into Thursday tea times and monthly Sunday lunches.

More recently we installed a fridge, freezer and shelving in the Dickinson Centre to be able to provide emergency meals at any time for anyone in need.

We are extremely fortunate that we have some very generous funders ranging from those who have donated their pocket money, to organisations that have adopted us as their charity to support.

We thank you all for enabling us to provide food so that no one goes without.

We have some excellent organisations who provide us with large quantities of food, either free, at reduced rates or bulk buy pricing which ensures we can provide more for those in need.

- FareShare
- **UK Harvest**
- AP Produce
- Morrisons
- Asda Havant Superstore
- Tuppenny Barn

During the Covid pandemic 100 frozen meals have been prepared each day by the Caterina Team for the MUNCH freezer, Community Food Pantry and PO9 Foodbank. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into the restaurant as soon as it is possible.

Fantastic news for April 2021 MUNCH will receive 3 years funding from The National Lottery









# MUNEH A helping hand not a hand out

Munch Community Pantry opened in November 2020 at The Swallow Pub.

We wanted to establish a Pantry for several years and, as restrictions tightened due to the Covid pandemic and as we saw an increase in families who were struggling financially, it became important for us to do it now.

At this stage we want to give our grateful thanks to the Landlord and Landlady of The Swallow Pub who, from the first meeting, welcomed us and did everything possible to make this work.

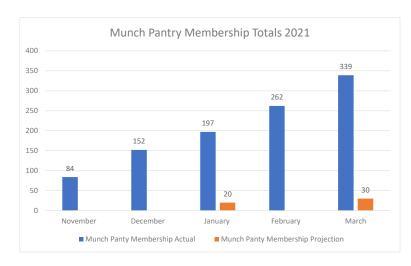


Guinness Partnership and Havant Borough Council have both provided funding for set up and first year running costs, and additional funding for food from the Winter Grants Funding administered by Hampshire County Council has helped with the greater than expected numbers.

Through recognition of this pantry and the difference it is

making 14 additional pantries have been established across Hampshire through the DWP Winter Grants Funding.

The numbers of customers have steadily risen from day one and we are seeing all ages coming to use the pantry.









Would be lost without the food pantry, people that run it are so polite. Nikki

Staff always kind and happy to help and always a great selection of food. Ray

The staff are very friendly and helpful. Lots of choice and good quality, really helps with the food bill each week. Angela

I always find the staff really friendly and helpful. It makes you feel relaxed and comfortable with using the service and not embarrassed. I always look forward to coming to see Darren and Debbie. Linda

Excellent services, really helps us out, really friendly helpful staff as well. Keep up the good work. Sue

> Thank you Debbie and Neil. I think this is a great opportunity for those that are in need especially at this time. Very grateful. Sarah

Marvellous. The people who work here are so kind helpful and friendly it makes the difference between heating and eating. Caroline

> Amazing place and people help me out a lot as I also cook for elderly people so every bit helps. Kirsty

Friendly, caring, helpful, happy. Charlotte

Debbie and Neil were extremely helpful, a pleasure to talk to and a complete credit to our community, thank you. Adi





#### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MUNCH FUNDERS

This project is only possible because people and organisations care. We regularly receive monetary, physical, anonymous and in-kind donations from a variety of sources and our thanks go out to all of them.

Be proud you have made a difference to our community. Thank you





2020-2021 has been a different year for the school catering team. As well as students and staff to feed they have created thousands of meals to freeze for our Munch foobank.

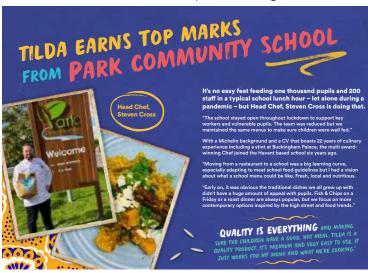
Early on their achievements for the previous year were recognised in through national awards.

We were delighted to announce that Head Chef Steven Cross and the catering team were recognised in the Public Sector Awards 2020 – Chef of the Year, Public Sector Awards 2020 and Catering Team of the Year and also shortlisted and awaiting announcement for the Craft Guild of Chefs Award.

Further recognition of the school's catering came via a request to provide recipe and social media content for Tilda during the pandemic. Steve also created the recipes, videos of cooking and skills training to meet the needs of the Connect4Summer programme.

It is important that our children learn about food and meal preparation. So, three days a week, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 come and work in the school kitchen as part of our Much More Than Just a School lessons. They get to experience the pace of work, heat and variety of cooking that takes place in school on a daily basis.

Most exciting of all was the opening of the Coach House Tea Room in Staunton Country Park in August 2020.



















## New for 2020 The Coach House Tea Room at Staunton Country Park

We are very excited about this new venture. When the initial consultations took place several years ago to renovate the buildings and grounds of Leigh Park Gardens, Park Community School was invited to join the board managing the process. Children were also involved to ensure use of the park would be engaging for young people.

As a community school with outstanding food we knew the Tea Room would give us the opportunity to showcase our skills and approach to education, while providing great food for the public. Any profits will support the school and community activities including our Munch programme.

We are pleased with the developing working relationship with Staunton Country Park and Hampshire Countryside Service; there is synergy between all partners to provide a great destination in our community for many years to come.



Over 400kg of our own Park
Porkies sausages made and eaten

Catering for 7 dietary requirements

7 dedicated organic suppliers

50 jars honey and a few other special products made







### New for 2021

A new business venture for 2021. Mobile catering using a catering lorry and Land Rover Defender transformed into a hot drinks vehicle, initially in Leigh Park Gardens to support The Tea Room. This venture is supported by the FatFace Foundation to provide students with the opportunity to learn work skills in the hospitality trade and we hope provide enterprise opportunities by taking it further afield.

The lorry, fitted as a catering kitchen, means we can pop up anywhere and provide hot food. We will be able to use it on the school site and at Staunton County Park at weekends. During holidays it may provide family learning opportunities in areas where it would be difficult for parents to take part in cooking activities. Festivals and fetes may also provide work experience for students as well as the opportunity to promote our great produce and service.









Our hot drinks vehicle awaiting its Tea Rooms branding





Park Community Enterprises Ltd (PCE) was established in 2013 (company number 8519328). Its purpose is to give young people work experience and education in a real life working environment away from the main school site.

PCE started in a small way developing an enterprise project which is known as Park Design and Print Services (PDP). Initially, with the use of digital reproducing equipment, they took on the production of all the internal school reprographics. In doing this they were able to start quality educational printing, exactly meeting the requirements of school staff through bespoke student planners and learning materials.





Park Community Ventures is the charity of Park Community School and was formed in 2010 (Charity no 1134562) Its objectives are to fundraise to advance the education and aspirations of students in the school by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the students
- The prevention or relief of poverty or being disadvantaged
- Increase opportunities for sports and recreation
- Provide opportunities for economic and community development

The charity has successfully raised over £100k since its formation, some of which has been used for the **MUNCH** project.



## This has now developed and the school has:

Park Design and Print industrial unit
Apex Construction Centre for the training of young people
Our small holding where we grow our own produce and rear animals



## The Charity has:

Contributed to students membership costs for sports clubs

Contributed to students fees to visit places of interest

Paid for scouts uniform

Paid for army cadet subs

Paid for transport costs to musical competitions

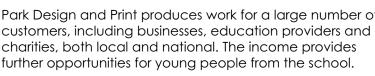
Supported families with food parcels
Purchased books for hobbies

..... and so much more



Park Design and Print produces work for a large number of customers, including businesses, education providers and charities, both local and national. The income provides further opportunities for young people from the school.

Our industrial unit provides a base for our school students to undertake enterprise projects and also as a base for those students who struggle being within the main school site.







66% of turnover is for external customers

Provide printing for over 200 organisations



Much More Than Just a School Lessons Year 7, 8 and 9 students learn about print and design work and take part in fun creative activities which help them to understand what we do and how we do it. Tasks include badge making, book cover design, making booklets and personal logo designing.





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The Apex Construction Centre is where Park students undertake construction skills qualifications covering bricklaying, plastering and carpentry.

Students achieve Laser LEAP Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate and Award qualifications. They are able to build footstools, bird boxes, spice racks, coat pegs, table tennis tables and items of their choice.

The Apex is also a venue for the Much More Than Just a School lessons. Students from Years 8 and 9 visit each week to learn about a range of construction skills. This is very popular activity, especially building walls. Students from other years also have taster opportunities at the Apex Centre.





#### Apex home to YES – Young Enterprise Squad

The Apex Construction Centre has been home to this group of young people who meet on a regular basis and create products to be able to sell. Often lots of experimenting takes place until the final product can be produced. This is supported by members of staff all sharing their skills with the young people.

Sadly, due to Covid-19 this has been put on hold for the time being but will resume as soon as possible. Funding received from PO9 Publications has been kept safe until we can start again.

#### **YES Trips**

Further trips are all planned as soon as restrictions are lifted.

## The Apex Centre is also home to:

Oarsome Chance who provide students with a range of practical skills.

The Flash On Air digital radio station, a not for profit community radio station run entirely by volunteers, promoting the talents of local unsigned bands, musicians, and singer/songwriters in the greater Portsmouth area. You can listen to them on FM from their studios in the Apex Centre and DAB across Portsmouth and the surrounding area and online everywhere through Tune In and Internet Radio.







## Apex Training Centre, Bishopstoke Road, Havant, PO9 5BN



Apex Centre
Park Community School's
Skill Centre

Think it.
Plan it.
Build it.



This year the ability to take key worker and vulnerable students to the small holding to have lots of fresh air and some freedom to relax was just brilliant. The day after each announcement of lockdown we had the birth of piglets which made us smile.

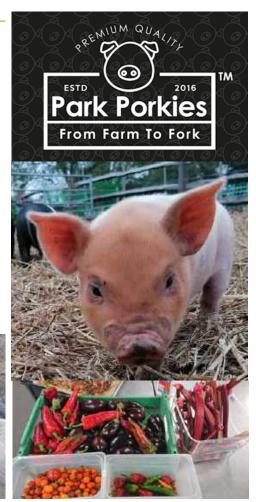
We continue to grow vegetables and fruit for our school kitchen and rear pigs for meat. Students make the connection with what they eat and where and how it is grown.

At school students have the opportunity to study horticulture and gain Level 1 and 2 City and Guilds qualifications.

As part of the Much More Than Just a School lessons, Years 7,8 and 9 go to the small holding each week and spend a morning helping with the animal care, growing vegetables and fruit.







Chickens lay at least 18 eggs a day

186 pigs reared, with another 20 new pigs just arrived

Over 8 working bee hives

50 varieties of fruit and vegetables grown

Home to two goats

50lb of honey produced





#### **New for 2021**

With thanks to AT&T Services Inc. construction has begun to create a special place for students at our small holding. The bell tent is somewhere students can enjoy peace and space, to reflect and chat about any concerns they may have with our pastoral team.

The site team have constructed a base so that our bell tent can be used even on wet days.

It has plenty of space for students, and a great feature is that it has a clear roof for star gazing. We hope to use this facility on special evenings with those interested in astronomy. This will be a great asset to us all.











For a second year, in partnership with Romsey Community School, we recieved funding from the Department for Education to provide Connect4Summer. This year with almost £1 million funding we expanded venues, to include not only Hampshire but in Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight. Despite Covid-19 we delivered our planned programme outside with families enjoying themselves and staying within their bubbles.

#### **Holiday Child Care Providers**

We gave grant funding to Holiday Childcare Providers (HCP) to allow access for free to those children receiving free school meals and with parents who were working. Each parent could book ten days of free childcare. We worked with 28 providers across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

#### West

The Romsey School, Romsey
Mountbatten School, Romsey
Pavilion On The Park, Eastleigh
Oakfield Primary School, Totton
Applemore College, Hythe
YMCA, Millbrook
Itchen College Sport Centre, Southampton
Hamble Primary School, Southampton
Vigo Primary School, Andover
The Westgate School, Winchester
John Keble CofE Primary School, Hursley

#### **East**

St Vincents College, Gosport
Oak Meadow, Fareham
Harrison Primary School, Fareham
Highbury College, Fareham
Charter Community Sports, Southsea
Springwood Federation, Liss & Petersfield
Mill Hill, Waterlooville
Park Community School, Havant
The Petersfield School, Petersfield
St. Matthews CE Primary School, Liss
Bordon Junior School, Bordon
The Cambridge School, Aldershot
Guillemont Junior School, Farnborough
Fun House, Basingstoke
The Everest School, Basingstoke

#### Isle of Wight

Winchester House, Shanklin St Mary's Nursery, Newport



## **Facts**

- 20-day programme
- 29th July 25th August 2020
- FREE Family Fun Days 28 programmes
- FREE Teen Projects 5 programmes
- FREE Holiday Childcare 28 programmes
- Venues in Hampshire,
   Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight
- Daily hot 2-course meal for everyone
- Daily mile completed every day.
- 61 programmes in 50 venues



#### **Family Fun Days**

The family fun days took place in 28 venues including:

#### West

The Romsey School, Romsey
Pavilion On The Park, Eastleigh
Itchen Valley Country Park, Eastleigh
Oakfield Junior School, Totton
Applemore College, Hythe
Itchen Sixth Form College, Southampton
Vigo Primary School, Andover
The Stanmore Centre, Winchester
Regents Park College, Southampton
Foundry Lane Primary School, Southampton

#### East

St Vincent College, Gosport

Alver Valley Junior School, Gosport

Portchester Community School, Portchester

Medina Primary School, Cosham

ARK Dickens Primary Academy, Portsmouth

ARK Charter Academy, Portsmouth

Cottage Grove Primary School, Portsmouth

Hayling Island Community Centre, Hayling Island

Park Community School, Havant

Weyford Primary School, Bordon

Alderwood Leisure Centre, Aldershot

The Grange Community Junior School, Farnborough

Cranford Park CE Primary School, Yateley

Westside Community Centre, Basingstoke

Popley Field Community Centre, Basingstoke

#### Isle of Wight

Oakfield Primary School, Ryde Barton Primary School, Newport The Bay CE Primary School, Newport

2,800 families registered

62,240 hours of free child care 60,000 daily miles completed

3,400 weekend bags given out

12,100kg vegetables used

7,500 individuals igned up

Open for 20 days 10-3pm

420
employed
58
previously
unemployed

15,000kg groceries







Teen Projects

In 2020 we introduced teen sessions for those aged 12-16. Teens could attend for 3 days or just pick the session that they fancied. As with all the programmes it was free and included a hot meal. We were supported by Personal Best Education who supplied leaders and playworkers to assist the specialists with set up, support the young people and provide meals.

#### The three sessions were:

- Woodwork with Tux on Tuesdays
- Game design with Stuart on Wednesdays
- Graffiti art with James on Thursdays

Students enjoyed being treated as young adults and engaged in purposeful activities which provided work skills which give opportunities for a window into employment. 100% fed back positively about their experiences and wanted it to continue throughout the year. This is not your typical youth type provision as it is work skills focused.

The Mountbatten School, Romsey YMCA Winchester House, Shanklin IOW Itchen Sixth Form College, Southampton Park Community School, Havant YMCA, Basingstoke

NEW IN 2020





## Words used by children to describe Connect4Summer:



#### Connect 4 Summer Facebook Posts









## Captured Memories

"I was able to speak to a parent crying at the gate. Mum was completely overwhelmed, it was the first time out of the house with the children. We could show we were doing everything possible to keep her safe and she became a regular." Susan

"I met a parent who said their child would not eat any vegetables at home but at meal time with us, they have eaten everything." **Sam**  Visiting the Isle of Wight, Jan spoke to an expectant mum who said that as the Covid-19 shutdown hit, her employer dismissed her with no notice. The family fun days were helping her keep the children fed and she was able to get support from other mums.

Jan will be helping in September with some adult courses for her.

"At a venue in Winchester a single parent was getting on two buses to come each day. They had been re-homed after a fire in their home. They were living where they knew no one and had very little money for food. Connect4Summer purchased bus passses so they could come daily. Dad was very appreciative."

Wendy

Parent went to a school because she needed to register her child to start. Connect4Summer staff were there and said it is done online. Parent had no access to wifi so they made phone calls, then helped her register. The parent who was living in temporary accommodation, then came daily to Family Fun Days. The meals and food bags were a lifeline to her.

"Connect4Summer is an amazing programme which has allowed me to interact with families that I otherwise wouldn't have met. The children and families have all come back more than once and praised the organisation with positive feedback. My oldest brother has worked as a part of our team and my youngest brother has attended most days, allowing us to spend quality time together."

Ashlea-Paige

"It has been brilliant! I feel so lucky to see children learning, playing and to be part of their summer. I think that it has been the perfect first job as a Junior Playworker, working with brilliant staff. It has been the highlight of my summer!" **Esme** 



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#### Primary and Secondary Teacher Training with Leading Professionals









#### **About Us**

The Solent SCITT was founded in December 2012 and we are currently recruiting our ninth cohort.

#### **Trainees**

We are proud to have successfully trained over 150 primary and secondary teachers since 2013 with many now employed in partnership schools and some already promoted to senior school positions.

#### **Subjects**

We offer a wide range of SCITT and School Direct teacher training courses. Secondary courses we offer include: Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, MFL, RE, Computing and Dance. SCITT Primary and School Direct salaried places are also available. For experienced unqualified teachers, we offer the Assessment Only route to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

#### **PGCE Option**

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#### Learn from real teachers in real classrooms

"With the school-centred route there is a better ratio of time spent on teaching theory and actual teaching experience."

SCITT Biology Teacher Michael Bailey who trained with The Solent SCITT and is now employed at his former placement school Crookhorn College.



A SCITT Design and Technology teacher learning skills on the job

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- 2. We have strong established school links and a commitment to helping trainees find teaching posts. This is evidenced by ourimpressive employment success rate with many trainees securing jobs in placement and partnership schools.
- Our high-quality training, led by experts in the field, will help you
  focus on your subject or chosen phase whilst working alongside other
  like-minded professionals. Real 'hands on' learning means you will
  start in school from September and learn from real teachers in real
  classrooms.
- 4. Our course is designed by current teachers, rooted in the reality of life in the classroom with a clear emphasis on putting theory into practice.







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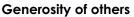
### Christmas

This is one of the most important times in our school calendar when we all come together to celebrate, a little differently this year.

The Christmas decorations were up and as beautiful as ever, with the addition of our new nativity scene. The characters knitted by our own Assistant Headteacher Soo Bannard and the stable constructed by Steve Wetherell a member of the site team.

In preparation for the last day of term students and staff created an hour-long video of festive music which everyone watched at the same time online.

The catering team provided a Christmas takeaway. We cannot wait till we can celebrate with us all together in true Park tradition.



We would like to thank the organisations and individuals who gave us money and presents so that we could ensure students and families had food and presents for the Christmas period. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and staff enjoyed dropping off parcels on students' doorsteps, socially distancing at all times, and receiving little messages back saying how much of a difference it had made.

"I would like to say a massive thank you for all the lovely gifts you have brought me, and thank you to everyone who orgranised it. If you could pass the message on please that would be very appreciated. Once again thank you so much."























# We are open!

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