



Park Community School

NEWSLETTER

Fortnightly Update

17th December 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This final newsletter of the year shares some of the moments at Park in the run up to the end of term. At this time of year, more than ever, we take time as a school to appreciate each other and the opportunities we have. In assembly we reminded ourselves of many of the reasons we are all proud to be part of Park and also thought about how the New Year will bring a chance to restart and refocus on the things that matter.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to Matilda! What a performance. All involved performed beautifully and the passion and emotion they felt being part of the cast was palpable for the audience. A truly entertaining performance with some powerful messages which we will pick up on in the new year.

This week our Inspired students visited a local care home to deliver gifts and care packages. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Food Bank appeal. Donations were counted and delivered today. The final item contributions from each house were: Blue: 550, Red: 300 and Green: 424.

In school, Mr Rose gave certificates for good attendance in House assemblies this week. For obvious reasons, this did not run as usual and instead all students who had attended 11 full weeks of school this term were congratulated. We hope we are able to build on this in the next year. Congratulations to these students and thank you for ensuring your children maintain strong attendance to school where current Covid absence allows. This week has also seen a Christmas meal at Chiquitos for Spanish students and our student voice attending their annual Christmas meal.

Thank you to parents and students who completed the recent survey. You told us that your children feel happy and safe in school and are given opportunities that allow them to find what they love. Some of your comments are below. If you used the opportunity to raise any individual points, you should have already been contacted. This includes students who needed more technology at home to ensure they can access all learning. We have given out laptops to all who have requested these. Please email j.bryce@pcs.hants.sch.uk if your child needs support with this.

Your thank you messages to staff were much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send them in, it means a great deal. Finally, a reminder of our staggered return to school for the week beginning 3 January. The details sent in our letter last week are repeated to the side.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We would like to wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New year.



C. Collier



D. Gohar



	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Wednesday 5 January 2022	Thursday 6 January 2022
Year 7	Remote learning from home	In school 9.00am-12.00 noon for testing, tutor sessions and lunch	
Year 8	Remote learning from home	In school 10.15am-1.15pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	
Year 9	In school 9.00am-12.00 noon for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	All students in school as normal from 8.25am.
Year 10	In school 10.15am -1.15pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	
Year 11	In school 11.30am-2.30pm for testing, tutor session and lunch	Remote learning from home as set on Teams	



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Spanish Trip

Spanish students had an amazing time at Chiquito restaurant.

The aim of the trip was to promote cultural capital among the students and also for them to taste Mexican food. They realised that we have the same ingredients but we don't cook them in the same way.

A huge thank you to everyone for their help and support at this year's book fair. It was lovely to see students and staff browsing the books, completing their wish list, talking about books and reading.

All of our new books are available to borrow from the library so please come and take a look.



YES Panto Trip

The YES team delivered another successful offsite visit on Saturday with a trip to the Panto at The Kings Theatre. We were able to take 21 students, all of whom were wonderfully behaved and had a great time. The staff behaved too! Students navigated the busy train station and a very busy Albert Road and did not grumble about the rain on the way back to the station.



I've never been to a Panto before, I'm really excited

I don't really like shows or the theatre, but I came to spend time with the staff

Can we do this again next year?



Year 8 and 9 Football

We capped off the year with a Champions League Tournament with our Year 8 and 9s. We had a group stage, semi finals, 3rd/4th play off and final. It gives me great pleasure to say that Liverpool FC took the European crown as they beat Chelsea 4-3 on penalties in the final. Man City edged Manchester Utd in the 3rd/4th play off in their own penalty shoot out. The Year 10s played a friendly match on the bottom pitch. It has been a fantastic term of competitive fixtures and Wednesday's football academy for all. **Mr Herriot**

Sports Ambassador training including Father Christmas!



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A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens

The miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, and he learns he will be visited by three spirits - Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come - who reveal to him his miserable existence, the opportunities he squandered in his youth, the current cruelties he visits upon those around him, and the fate that awaits him if he does not reconsider his ways.

This is a classic and so a good book if you want to expand your language and vocabulary. I liked the story of how Scrooge is taught a lesson on the importance of being nice SOPHIE 8TDE

I'd recommend it for teenagers because the characters are interesting. I particularly like the ghost of Christmas Future when he tells Scrooge what will happen if he does not change his ways. I like this book and it's perfect for reading at this time of year AFLIE 8TDE



I first read this book when I was 10 years old and played the part of Mrs Cratchett in a school assembly, so is one of my favorite characters because. Beautifully written and with some of the most memorable and colourful characters in literature, Dickens' festive favourite is a heart-warming read about the true meaning of Christmas. One of my favourites, that I love to re-read every Xmas season MS. HUCKLEBRIDGE



CONNECT 4 FAMILIES

CONNECT 4 YOUTH

Connect4Christmas Events in HAVANT

Venue - Family Fun Day	Saturday 18th Dec	Sunday 19th Dec	Monday 20th Dec	Tuesday 21st Dec
Havant - Park Community School, PO9 4BU	Tony Spaghetti entertainer	Robbie The Elf entertainer	Jack and the Bean Stalk Panto	Nikki The Elf entertainer
Young People Pick Up Point	Saturday 18th Dec	Sunday 19th Dec	Monday 20th Dec	Tuesday 21st Dec
Havant - Park Community School, PO9 4BU	Flip Out in Portsmouth	Ice Skating outside in Portsmouth	Bowling at Gunwharf Quays	Escape Rooms in Portsmouth

FAMILY FUN DAYS 10.30am - 2.30pm
 Every day for free there will be 2 course hot meal, with lots of activities to take part in and plus professional entertainment for the whole family. Children must be accompanied by parent/carer.

YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRAMME
 These venues every day are the pick up and drop off point for a special day out. Free transport, activity and 2 course hot meal are all provided for young people 11 years upwards and attend alone.

These events are all free to attend and are primarily aimed at but not limited to families of free school meals.

Book via our website www.connect4.org.uk





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Everyone Welcome

Christmas Day Lunch

At Park Community School

There are many reasons guests join us for Christmas Lunch,
we are very happy to see everyone.

Timings approximately:

- Arrival time: 12 noon
- Lunch served: 1pm
- Depart: 2.30pm

*After lunch, a very tired visitor from the North Pole
will arrive, probably his last call of the day*

To book for Christmas Day Lunch
Please ring 02392489811 or email bookings@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Thank you for saying thank you!

Staff really appreciate you taking a moment to say thank you. If you wish to say thank you to a teacher, team or in general, please do so by emailing thankyou@pcs.hants.sch.uk. Here are some of the wonderful comments we have received so far.

Staff are friendly and welcoming:
SEN are strongly involved. My daughter adores Miss X who we have found has gone above and beyond for our daughter. To help motivate, support and care for her. In fact all the sen team are very attentive. My daughter has also progressed very far with her education and has become a lot more age appropriate and in some cases beyond this. Which is something she struggled with in primary.

Thank you Park Community for creating a safe and happy place for my daughter to attend

My three children are all doing really well at school and enjoy learning.

Great curriculum with extra resources outside of school to support and help students do on the job learning.

The school and some of the great teachers that have taught my son have helped him grow into the young adult that he is today

My children are happy and love school