

Christmas 2018

AT PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL



MUNCH



CHRUNCH



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Special Time Of The Year

Park Community School colleagues are excited every year to decorate the school and make it special for our students and community. We believe it is important we celebrate together.

We know that Christmas can bring communities together but equally can put pressure on parents with excessive media coverage as to what Christmas should be like. On limited, or no reliable income this highlights the 'who has' and 'who hasn't'. On this basis we create a Christmas programme with something for everyone.



EVENTS

<p>Senior Citizen's Tea Party</p> <p>16 December 2pm – 4pm</p>	<p>Student's Christmas Lunch</p> <p>21 December 11am - 1.30pm</p>	<p>CHRUNCH</p> <p>Throughout December</p>	<p>MUNCH</p> <p>Christmas Day Lunch</p> <p>25 December 11am – 3pm</p>
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Senior Citizen's Tea Party

As part of our programme we invite senior citizens from the local area for afternoon tea. Many come from local care homes. We have offered to entertain in the homes but they prefer to have a change of scenery and enjoy meeting our students.

Over 70 guests attended, on one of the wettest and windiest days this year.

Our young Food Ambassadors produced a delightful afternoon tea and scrumptious chocolate truffles to take home.

Our visitors enjoyed being served by the young people and The Park Choir and our staff entertaining with a great sing song including well known carols.



"A very big thank you from my residents at Wakefield Court. They thoroughly enjoyed their time with you. It was very much appreciated"

"Never been made more welcome somewhere than here, in this caring community spirited place"

"I did enjoy myself, and so did the rest of the people from South Africa Lodge. It made our Christmas"

"The tea was lovely. The pupils were friendly and attentive. They did you proud! The carols and singing were fantastic"

New For 2018 -



In November we met the Trustees of the FatFace Foundation who have kindly been contributing towards our MUNCH project.

In partnership, the decision was made to provide a 'Pop Up Foodbank' in our Dickinson Centre so that no one in our community need go without food at this time of year.

This project was funded by the FatFace Foundation and carried out by the Community and Facilities Team at Park Community School and volunteers from the PO9 Food Bank.

Time was tight to make this work, however the commitment of everyone meant all worked well.

The food order was staggering, with over 50,000 items ordered from Asda Stores in Havant. It was decided that there would be six different boxes given out.

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300 BOXES OF 12 EGGS
1200 BOXES OF BISCUITS

TOTAL: 50,000



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"This box has helped me and my family, it caused less stress worrying about food over the Christmas period. Thank you!"

"I am very grateful, thank you so much. Will ensure that nothing is wasted. Thank you again, very kind of you"

"This is amazing, very helpful and helps a lot of people at an expensive time of the year"

"Thank you for the help that you have given with the food banks. It's really helped me and my family"



Branding

The 'Pop Up Foodbank' required an identity to market it. As MUNCH has been so successful for us, we added a bit of Christmas and CHRUNCH was formed. It was a conscious decision not to market extensively because we wanted to ensure those in need locally benefited from this initiative.

Boxes were ordered, and a label created to go on each one. Over 2,000 boxes were filled and distributed.



"This box has helped massively and it's amazing how much help there is. I feel very welcome instead of embarrassed"

"Very surprised at the amount in the box. Everything of great quality and enough to make many meals"

"A fantastic scheme, has really helped. It was really good seeing my youngest child's face when I showed her the box"

"These boxes have literally saved me this Christmas. Fantastic community spirit, thank you!"

The FatFace Foundation team organised the CHRUNCH information leaflet which was produced and distributed to:

- Age Concern
- Community First
- The FatFace Foundation employees
- Havant Borough Council and individual councillors
- Headteachers and home school link workers of all schools in the area
- Homeless Charities
- Homestart
- Mind, CAMHS and Doctors Surgeries
- MUNCH fridge users and MUNCH Thursday tea times
- Park's 900 students
- PO9 Foodbank
- Social Services and Childrens Services
- Stop Abuse



"Thank you very much and to all the staff who helped put this together"

"This is such an amazing and to be life-changing Christmas. I can't thank you enough"

"My husband and I are pensioners and the box has been a God send. So helpful at Christmas time"

"I am so thankful for the food boxes, it has helped me a lot as I have five children and a baby on the way "

Packing The Boxes

Students experienced what it is to work at pace, alongside lots of the FatFace Foundation staff volunteers. We are very proud of our Year 7 students and others who, throughout the three-week period helped fill boxes, taking boxes to people's cars and packing trolleys. We have received lots of positive feedback

about their assistance. The students were very caring, and many volunteered to do extra hours, commenting about the difference this was making to families they knew. Some also felt it was good for them to be able to give something back. The FatFace Foundation kindly allowed us to take over their packing line at their head office.

"I think it's a lovely, generous idea what you are doing for people and I can honestly say a massive thank you for your help. I'm really grateful"

"Fantastic idea! Should be extended throughout the country. Great social conscience shown by the FatFace Foundation"



"This food has made this Christmas so much better and I could not be more grateful"

"The staff have been amazing this has helped me and my family for Christmas. Keep up the good work, thank you so much"

Distribution

From experience many families known to us through the MUNCH programme are not in receipt of benefits and do work, but with home costs often experience food poverty. With MUNCH we do not operate a referral scheme, preferring

to meet the needs of everyone who asks. We do this in the knowledge there maybe some who could abuse this approach, but we would rather this than create a barrier for others.

Registration form

We created a registration form to ensure fairness in giving out the boxes and to capture personal details from those who wish to be kept informed of future projects.



Surname:			
First Name:			
Address:			
Postcode:			Tel. No:
Email Address:			

Collected box:	Date:	Signature collected:	Or date deliver box on:	Signature received:
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Optional Marketing Information Below to Complete please

DATA PROTECTION Park Community School is committed to protecting your privacy and the security of your personal information. Please refer to our Client Privacy Notice, available from <http://pcs.hants.sch.uk/dickinson-centre.php> which describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your relationship with us in accordance with GDPR General Data Protection Regulations. We have adopted the Park Community School Data Breach Policy and Data Protection Policy, available on the school website <http://pcs.hants.sch.uk>. For any more information please contact dpo@pcs.hants.sch.uk. We will never pass on your details to third parties.

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I DO NOT agree to being contacted in any way for purpose of marketing by Park Community School.		
CONSENT FOR MARKETING	Please Tick	
I agree to be contacted via the following means for marketing communications only from Park Community School / Park Community Ventures and Park Community Enterprises.		
Email address:	YES	NO
Postal address:	YES	NO
Mobile no:	YES	NO
Telephone:	YES	NO
Do you want to know when next MUNCH sessions are?	YES	NO
Do you want to know about any other events we do?	YES	NO
OFFICE USE ONLY		
Added to Database	YES	NO

Community Feedback

Both the FatFace Foundation and Park Community School wanted to find out how this project had made a difference. Each day the boxes were available, there were queues, with people waiting

patiently. We were overwhelmed with the feedback forms and also the electronic feedback received directly by the FatFace Foundation, over 250 in total.

CHRUNCH
CHRISTMAS IN A BOX

FOOD BOX FEEDBACK

We'd love to be able to help more people across the UK who need access to food banks.

It would really help us to know what this box means to you and your family. Could you spare a few minutes to leave us some feedback? You can drop this leaflet back to the Dickinson Centre, or email your comments to fatfacefoundation@fatface.com

Working in partnership
MUNCH
+
FATFACE
FOUNDATION




"Amazing, thank you so so much it's helped me/ us no end. There's nothing that won't be used"

"Very helpful and good service for the needy and good for the community"


"I am so thankful for the food bank boxes, it has helped me a lot as times are hard at the moment"

"It's been a lifeline and has helped beyond words. It has taken away some of the stress and worry trying to provide"

Social Media Reacts:

 **Christina Williams**
I would like to say a message thank you for my boxes I collected Monday, so greatly appreciated and struggling at moment this has made a massive difference to my family. First time for a food parcel everyone so friendly and helpful, was lovely seeing the children involved, real life skills being taught. Xxxx

1 d Like Reply


 **London Fisher**
This has been amazing, I've seen some people with nothing over the last few weeks. Who have had no hope in enjoying Christmas. No money for their children, no food in the cupboards, no gas for heating. It's awful to see. I hate seeing people struggle. Parents breaking their hearts because they don't have the basics for their children let alone Christmas. I've really enjoyed picking up the boxes and giving them to lovely people. It has made a difference, that most would never understand. I'm looking forward to church Sunday when you take your children to give their own toys/clothes etc to wra... See More

2 h Like Reply


 **Lee Squires** ▶ **Munch**
4 hrs · 🌐
Can I just say a huge thank you for crunch, for helping all local families including mine to help over Christmas, thank you to sue and everyone, without park community and fatface this wouldn't of been possible, also thank you for allowing us foodbank po9 get involved. Wish you a happy Christmas 😊

 **Christina Williams**
Merry Christmas to you all brilliant job you have done for those in need xx

6 h Like Reply

 **Colin Andrew Brown**
Helping So Many People Within The Community And Those Who Have Had Their Benefits Cuts Because Of The PIP/D.L.A Assessments And Still Waiting For Their Appeals Court Cases To Be Heard And It Help's Give Them That Extra Christmas Cheer

4 d Like Reply


 **Alan Hunt**
Baron McKenna thank you soo much, you guys are angels!!

3 d Like Reply

 **Sue Walker**
Merry Xmas to you all x I didn't understand it all otherwise I would have sent someone along especially for toiletries and fresh ones x anyway god bless everyone that has contributed to all of this and making a lot of people from all walks of life a very happy Xmas 🙏🏻

6 h Like Reply

 **Baron McKenna** ▶ **Food**
12 mins · 🌐
Just want to say how lovely it was for me to help out with crunch today and how many people have been so appreciative. Seeing so many people benefit that would not be eating hot meal at this time of year makes you thankful. Keep up the work guys!

 **Baron McKenna** ▶ **Food Bank po9**
8 hrs · 🌐
What you have done for many families is amazing to see the que of ppl that need help for whatever reason and being able to have that is beyond words many people feel embarrassed but no need to be we all have times where things go wrong and are out of our control but to see how many ppl are grateful and will have food over the Xmas period you should be so proud and as for the school pupils helping you all deserve a massive thank you we all look at teens and have our opinions but as pupils of a local school you've shown so much care and compassion helping your community is something to be proud off good work to all of you x

 **Christina Williams**
Thank you to all those involved! Honestly don't know how I would've gotten through this passed week and the next few to come without the help from crunch I honestly can't thank you enough or express how grateful me and my little girl are x

4 h Like Reply

 **Baron McKenna** ▶ **Food Bank po9**
9 hrs · 🌐
I'd like to thank all you guys for what you have done and helped so many families, and a big shout out to the fat face foundation for supplying all the items for all the families in need this time of year. And all you guys and gals that have had the pleasure in receiving the food hampers please please please could you make sure you do your feedback forms or send it by email to the fat face foundation as they have been great as well as **Baron McKenna** and all that helped hand these out. Xx

11 2 comments 1 Share

 **Christina Williams**
I just want to say thank you this helped me out so much and thank you **Baron McKenna** for getting one delivered to my mum who's currently house bound 😊 really can't thank you guys enough xx

2 d Like Reply

Our Community Responds

We'd love to be able to help more people in the community and their feedback is crucial for the development of the MUNCH and CHRUNCH projects. We appreciated every comment received and were thrilled by the feedback.

"The boxes are a great help when struggling with basic supplies. It means there is one less thing to worry about"

"This helped me a lot at a hard time and made a big difference"

"The food box was a god send and very much appreciated and was delivered to my door"

"Thank you so much. This has been a great aid to my family. Keep going!"

"I think this is an amazing service, especially as a large family at this time of year"

"They are good boxes and help us so much as a family on a low income. Christmas can be a stressful time. Thank you"

"Thank you very much for the lovely food in which you have helped me out with. It is so helpful as I would have struggled without your help so thank you"

"I think this is a brilliant idea as me and my family are struggling especially as it's Christmas. Without this we would be going hungry some nights and I really appreciate this"

"I am very impressed with what you have done to help so many families and/ or anybody in need. You are amazing people!"

"This has been an amazing lifeline to me and my children. Thank you so much for making this possible and saving our Christmas"

"Lovely idea. We collected boxes for our autistic son, who really benefited from this. Lots of people need help, so regular collections are good"

"These food boxes have helped our family tremendously. They are more than just essential items to us, many of them were luxury items that we wouldn't normally be able to afford"

"Wow the boxes I received were absolutely lovely to see, it saved us money and helped fill our nearly empty cupboards. It means a great deal to my family"

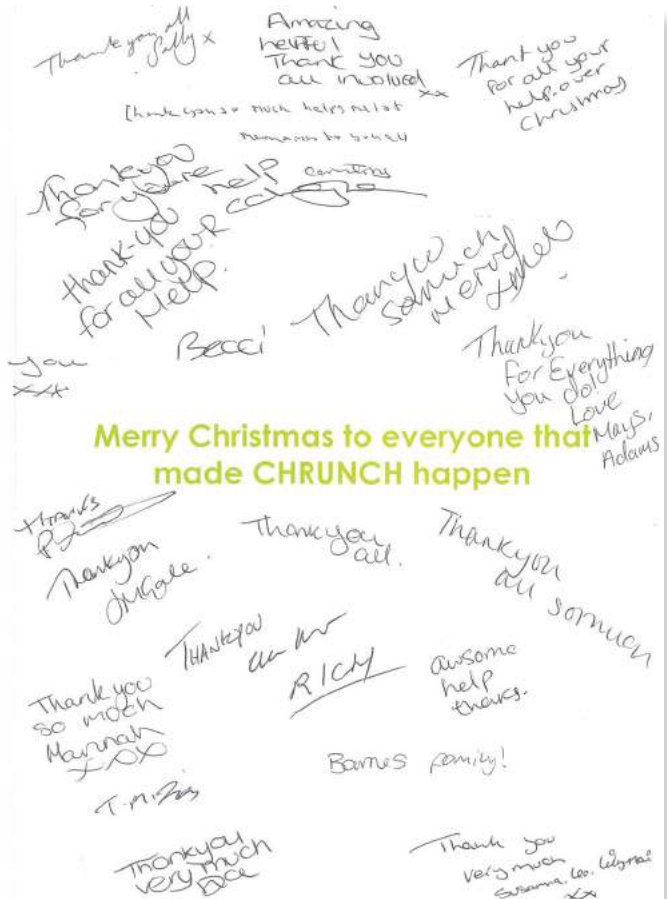
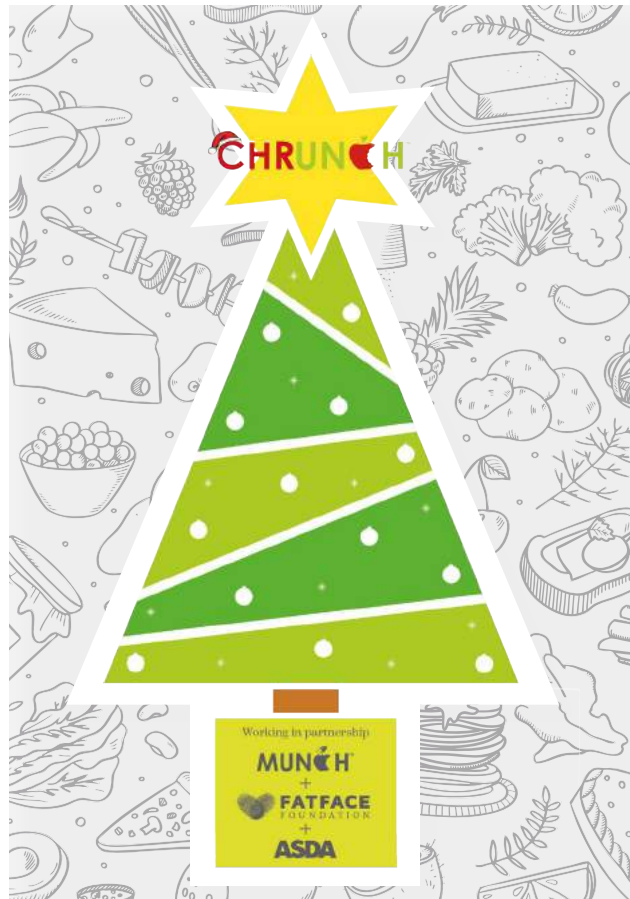
"Having this box has made it easier for the family as we can all eat where before us parents stepped back and less or nothing and it's all good brands which I can never afford"

"I came to help pack food and deliver to people who couldn't get to the food bank themselves. I've enjoyed making life feel just a bit better. I've had this help before in my life and it meant a lot to me and gave my own children a happier Christmas. I'm proud to have helped a few families / people myself"

Thank You

It is important at Park to show everyone involved what a difference we have made together and by working in partnership with others.

We created a thank you Christmas Card to show our appreciation to the FatFace Foundation. When members of the community collected boxes they expressed their thanks. In the end we filled five A3 size cards. Every box collected by local families contained a Christmas card from us.



The Numbers

THE OVERALL
IMPACT OF
CHRUNCH
WAS...

700+

Families receiving
welcome Christmas
parcels

263

feedback forms
received

230

adults and
children
volunteers

6

different boxes

Opened for

11

days

50,000

items were purchased

2,115

boxes were given out

Special Santa Mission

Our Welfare Team had an enjoyable time being Santa's helpers at this busy time, visiting some of our families with surprise presents. We also gave presents to some of our students, they were able to surprise their parents/carers on Christmas Day with a little something. This was made possible by donations from the FatFace Foundation, local businesses and individual sponsors.



"The work these guys do is amazing and helping the community is one of the best things"

"Super help given to everyone. Brilliant friendly people"

"Great help at Christmas, lovely people. Can't wait to help out more in the New Year"

"Very helpful and welcoming as I'm finding it very hard to put food in cupboards for my children"

Student's Christmas Lunch

This is a very important point in our school calendar when we celebrate together. It is a memorable time for students and staff. Our award winning catering team produce over 1,000 meals in just one morning, the first meal being as good as the last.

Four sittings take place with staff waiting on each table. A traditional Christmas lunch and pudding is provided FREE to all. The day is full of fun with inflatables, a Christmas film and music provided by our student bands and musicians.



"My Christmas dinner had everything I liked on it and my mentor served it to me! "

"I liked listening to the band and everyone singing along made me feel really Christmassy"





MUNCH[®] Community Christmas Day Lunch

On 25th December for the fourth year we hosted our Christmas Day Lunch. Early in September we were receiving booking enquiries and with the continuing success of MUNCH we were confident that our 120 spaces would be filled quickly. In the end 138 meals were served.

There was an amazing community spirit and atmosphere. Children played on inflatables and made craft. We were very fortunate that Father Christmas took time for a flying visit and distributed

presents for everyone, with the help of our generous funders. We are extremely grateful to those that enabled us as a school to hold this event:

- Personal donations
- Businesses providing funding for the meals and presents
- Community volunteers who helped on the day
- School staff volunteers who helped on the day



“It means my family get to eat over Christmas and the work CHRUNCH do is appreciated”

“I’ve been more excited to receive this than I am about Christmas. Thank you very much”

“What an amazing idea and so generous. It has helped us out so so much.”

“The boxes have been a great help and I very much appreciate the help”



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BARGAINS Shopping online Sales under way already

SHOPS hoping for a bonanza after a difficult year for the high street have already kicked off their sales.

Experts predict many will be looking for bargains online tomorrow, with tech topping the list.

Sainsbury's announced its Boxing Day sale range two days early, as have House of Fraser, Debenhams and Topshop.

John Lewis is starting its online sale today and instore on Thursday.

Don't miss your fab Boxing Day



We'll be back with a bang on Boxing Day, with an unmissable mix of news, showbiz exclusives and full preview of the day's football and racing.

There will not be a Christmas Day edition of your Daily Mirror tomorrow.

In the meantime, you can catch up with all the news at mirror.co.uk.

A happy Christmas to our wonderful readers.



Mirror Racing



FREE TIME Jose at footie Home defeat for fired Jose

SACKED Jose Mourinho is back in Portugal for a quiet Christmas - but could not resist a trip to the football.

The ex-Man United boss went with his son Jose Jr, 18, on Saturday to see his local Setubal lose 2-0.

He is set to stay into the New Year before wife Tami and their two children return to their UK home.

Reports yesterday claimed Mourinho, 55, had spent time in exotic places with a female friend, Puce Carter-Robinson, 41.

School to open and give hungry pupils meal on Xmas Day

Charity says kind move highlights poverty crisis



TUCK IN Kids' festive dinner last Friday

It is a stark reminder of the state of our country under the Tories

ANGELA RAYNER MP ON SCHOOLS TAKING UP SLACK



GIVING Some of the generous volunteers

CLASS ACT Staff member Soo Bannard



Picture: DAVE HILL



MY GIFT TO YOU Head Chris Anders

EXCLUSIVE

BY MARK ELLIS Education Correspondent

A STATE secondary is opening its doors tomorrow to make sure hard-up kids do not miss out on Christmas dinner.

Around 60 youngsters and a similar number of parents and pensioners will get turkey and all the trimmings, funded by well-wishers and served by volunteers.

Local firms also paid for gifts and entertainment at Park Community School in Havant, Hants, which serves deprived area Lolph Park.

Head Christopher Anders said: "Christmas brings pressures for families on low incomes. On Christmas Day at least we will know they are well fed. Without it some in our community could miss out."

The school, which laid on festive dinners for all pupils on Friday too, also has award-winning initiative Munch to ensure no child is hungry

COMMENT

BY MARK ELLIS

TEACHERS are seeing first-hand the results of Tory austerity. Ten years ago, food banks in schools and begging letters to parents were unheard of.

Staff are increasingly shocked by what they see in classrooms. More kids are turning up hungry and more working families are in poverty - and resources-starved schools try to pick up the pieces.

The magnificent efforts at Park Community School are heartwarming but a worrying number of children will miss out this Christmas due to austerity.

in the holidays. And it had a food bank in the run-up to Christmas.

Top charities praised the efforts but the National Education Union said they highlight "a frightening level of deep-rooted poverty".

Alison Garnham, of Child Poverty Action Group, added: "We know things have got bad when it falls to schools, themselves facing cuts, to patch up the holes in the safety net."

Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner said: "While it is wonderful to see a school stepping up, it is a stark reminder of the state of our country under the Tories."

But Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi said: "Since 2010 there are 300,000 fewer children living in absolute poverty."

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Tories' gift of record poverty Festive fun 'fuels loneliness'

THE number of people who will spend Christmas in poverty is the highest since comparable records began, Labour warns.

Figures dating to 1994/1995 show there are now over 14 million classed as being in relative poverty - up 1.2 million since 2010 under Tory austerity. Shadow

Work and Pensions Secretary Margaret Greenwood said: "The Conservatives are presiding over a growing poverty crisis."

"Amber Rudd must make tackling poverty her urgent New Year's priority. She should begin by stopping the roll-out of Universal Credit."

THE festive period can amplify feelings of loneliness, says a leading doctor.

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, chairwoman of the Royal College of GPs, urged people to connect with friends and neighbours. She said: "Any festival can magnify feelings of being isolated. People

are vulnerable. It's darker, seasonal affective disorder amplifies this."

She added that social isolation can be as bad for health as chronic disease. The Office for National Statistics says one in 20 English adults has reported feeling lonely often or always.

Our Thanks

2018 has been an award-winning year for Park Community School's Catering and Community Teams. MUNCH has been nationally recognised for the difference that it makes to our community, helping to tackle food poverty. Without doubt the introduction of CHRUNCH has taken that even further.

All the events reported herein are only possible thanks to a wide range of supporters who show faith in us and allow us to develop these wonderful initiatives. As school funding is reduced, we can only provide for our students, families and community with this external help.

On behalf of Park Community School, our students, families and community, we sincerely thank you.

Christopher Anders, Headteacher
Susan Parish, Business and Community Manager





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