



James Peacock
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Proud Children, Proud Staff, Proud Parents!

PEACOCK POST

Friday 20th October 2023

A message from SLT

What an incredible Half term we have had. This academic year has started brilliantly and I know we are going from strength to strength, something that was really picked up in a monitoring progress visit from the Local Authority this week. We are so proud of what the children and staff are achieving at the moment. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term already.

We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday, we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th November.

Mrs Cutts

Christmas Calendar 2023

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day: Friday 8th December

F1 (Nursery): 12th December 10am (parents and carers welcome- more info to follow)

F2 (reception): Christmas events;

Carols around the Christmas tree (Parents and carers welcome- more info to follow)

Carols at the Care home- dates being confirmed currently.

Year 1: Nativity Extravaganza 14th (9:30am) 15th (9:30am) and 18th December (2pm)

Year 2: Carol Service at St Peter's Church 18th December (Evening- Time TBC)



Key dates and events:

Half term – Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November

Monday 6th November – Flu vaccinations for F2, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 8th November – F1 (Nursery) open afternoon

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November – Parents evening



A message from our Chair of Governors



I am honoured to have been elected by my fellow governors to Chair the Governing Body at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School. I was equally delighted that Gary Choo, our experienced Local Authority governor and Helen Johnson, one of our new parent governors, were elected as Co Vice-Chairs.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing chair, Andy Hawksworth, for his support to the school and governing body over the last few years.

I have been part of the governing body now for just over two years, the latter being Vice Chair, and I now look forward to taking on the role of Chair to ensure we continue to provide strategic leadership and accountability for education at James Peacock.

James Peacock is committed to providing the highest quality of education to enable children to fulfil their potential and I am excited to be a part of this along with our other governors.

I can be contacted at clees@jamespeacock.org.uk should you wish to get in touch.

Have a wonderful Half term Holiday.
Claire Lees
Chair of Governors



Claire



Helen



Gary

The Roof Project

I am writing to share some exciting news. As many of you will have seen we have managed to persuade the council to upgrade our roof. Those of you who have spent time in our building will have noticed the ceilings and lights also look ready for a refurb. I am now able to share that this work will start imminently. We unfortunately will have to manage the disruption for a while but we have a very clear plan and a great site team which we have regularly met to discuss different aspects of the project.

The Project will start over the half term, we have yesterday had confirmation that this is now all going ahead. The first phase of the project will start in the F2 (reception) area of school. This will mean a temporary relocation of the butterflies class. We have already started to brief the children on this. They will be moving into the extended art area at present in the reception unit. The doors will move to access within the playground. We will send pictures and maps as soon as the fencing is up over the holidays so you can share these with your children. We will work really hard to ensure disruption to children is limited. I have attached some photos of previous projects to help prepare children for the changes that they will see in the short term to their school.

We will be keeping a regular check on parking and road safety, for the first part of the project and each start of a phase we will ensure there are staff around at the front of school to help you around the fencing and project compounds. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please speak to Mrs Cutts and I will either be able to help you or I will point you in the direction of the construction site manager.



Previous project pictures



We will continue to update you on the progress of each phase and again will minimise disruption to children and parents as much as possible.

THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU

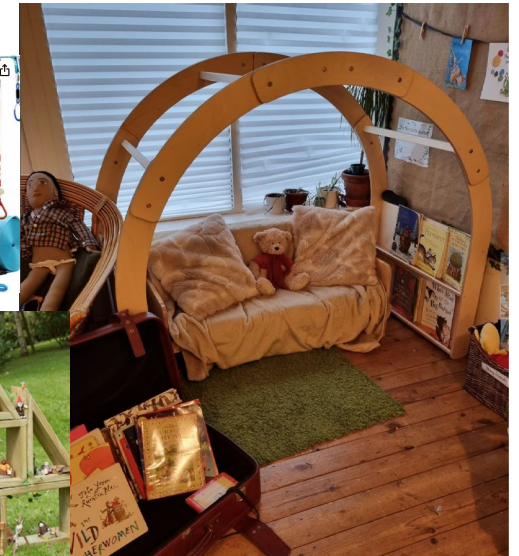
THANK YOU



We as a school community would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteers at Friends of James Peacock. We are incredibly grateful for all of your hard work fundraising for us recently. You are raising so much money and providing us with some amazing resources which our children are absolutely loving.

A particularly large thank you to our core committee members. There are some action shots of them hard at work at our recent cake sale. Again on behalf of our children, staff and parents thank you!!!

Below are also some of the amazing resources which have been purchased.



Drill near frame to room in

Reminders and Key Messages

Christmas Cards

A reminder that orders for Christmas cards **must** be made online by Monday 6th November and artwork returned to school by this date. We are unable to accept any orders at school. The cards are a fantastic way to send a more personal greeting/gift to family and friends.



Magical Maths

Magical Maths for Year 1 still have spaces available for next half term.

To book please

visit www.magicalmathsclub.com



We're on the hunt for treasure

We're on a mission to expand our materials and bring colour to the classroom. That's where you come in! Your everyday items like cardboard, newspapers, empty containers, and more can be priceless treasures to fuel the creative fires of our students. Every little bit counts, so please donate what you can to help enrich their artistic journey.

Items we need:

- Small world animals & people
- Wooden/sorting hoops
- Paint rollers
- Big paint brushes
- Trugs
- Measuring jugs
- Small buckets
- Sieves
- Large wooden spoons
- Camo sheet & tarps
- Turkey basters
- Calculators
- Clipboards
- Funnels
- Small bird box
- Wooden pegs
- Rakes & brooms
- Windmills/wind socks



Holiday Clubs

Spaces still available!

Ace Sports Coaching have launched holiday clubs for all James Peacock children, including those in F1 starting this October half term.

Holiday clubs will take place for 3+ year old at James Peacock Infant and Nursery School during the second week of half term.

Further information about October holiday clubs, locations and pricing can be found on the poster attached to this newsletter.



LUNCH TIME

Next weeks menu...

Jacket Potatoes are available daily.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
Cheese and Beans topping

Tuesday and Thursday:
Tuna Mayo topping

Vegetarian meals are available upon request

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT	
MONDAY	Quorn dippers roast baby potatoes sweetcorn cucumber sticks <i>Gluten</i>	 Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce OR Fruit <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i>	
TUESDAY	Nottinghamshire sausage gravy, Yorkshire pudding mashed potato broccoli & carrots <i>Egg Gluten Milk Sulphur Dioxide</i>	 Jelly & fruit OR Fruit	
WEDNESDAY	Cheesy tomato pasta garlic bread carrot & cucumber sticks <i>Gluten Milk Soya</i>	 Bakewell tart & custard OR Fruit <i>Egg Gluten Sulphur Dioxide Milk</i>	
THURSDAY	Roast pork, stuffing & gravy Yorkshire pudding roast OR mashed potato cabbage & fresh carrots <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i>	 Honey & oatmeal cookie OR Fruit <i>Gluten</i>	
FRIDAY	MSC fish finger wrap Pommes noisette crunchy veg & sweetcorn tomato ketchup <i>Gluten Milk Fish</i>	 Strawberry ice-cream tub OR Fruit <i>Milk</i>	

ALSO SERVED DAILY: Best of both bread *Gluten and Soya* Seasonal vegetables available daily, Coleslaw *Egg* when served.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals

EARLY YEARS

News from F1 (Nursery)

We have been busy Bumblebees this week! It has been lovely to see the excitement in the children when they have shared their family photo and this week they made a frame for it, so it can be displayed in our family gallery! We measured and cut of the strips of paper as accurately as we could, then decorated them with some Autumn leaves.



We used 5 frames to vote for our favourite nursery rhyme we have been singing this half term. 'I'm a little teapot' was the outright winner! We have continued our investigations into the properties of shapes, by predicting which shapes/objects might slide or roll and down the ramp and why. The children then went on a hunt for their own things to test out on the ramp!

EARLY YEARS

News from F2 (Reception)

This week in F2 we have been continuing to look at the story Room on the broom and have been coming up with our own rhyming strings!

In Maths we have been subitising 1,2 and 3 objects and spotting groups of 1, 2 or 3 in the learning environment too. We have loved consolidating our knowledge of repeating pattern and have become experts at creating our own.

This week as part of forest school we have made pumpkin soup. We loved finding them in the pumpkin patch and chopping all the ingredients ourselves. We then got to taste the soup and roasted seeds in the outdoor classroom. We voted on a five frame if we liked them or not.

What a great first half term we have had!



News from Year 1



This week in year 1 we have been creative designers and have been learning about mechanisms including sliders and levers. We explored examples of these, discussed how they work and then made our very own in the theme of Fairy-tale stories. The children then evaluated them thinking about what they thought went well and what they would improve next time.



In maths we have been looking at number lines, how to make a number line and what numbers we would start it with. In art we have created self portraits in the style of Van Gogh.



In computing we have continued our learning about algorithms and have been using the BeeBots to create and write our own algorithm.



Well done to all the children for an amazing half term! They have all settled extremely well. We hope you all have a lovely half term.



News from Year 2

This week, Year 2 have had a fun time on our Pirate Day. We became pirates and drew our own wanted posters. Watch out for those naughty pirates! In our maths lesson, we completed a treasure hunt solving maths problems along the way. We also enjoyed putting our DT skills to the test as we designed and made our own boats.

During the rest of the week, we created a colour wash sea and used pastels to create a view through a porthole.

In our maths lessons, we have been learning to add and subtract ones. We have used tens frames to add numbers by making 10 first.

This week in English, we have continued to write our own pirate themed story, making changes to a known story.





The Friends of James Peacock School (FoJPS)

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who supported our cake sale last week by baking or buying cakes or coming along and buying some.

We raised an amazing £240 to put back into resources and experiences for the children.



If you are planning a clear out over half term, keep us in mind! Following last year's huge success, we will be holding a second-hand toy and Christmas jumper sale, at the end of November. More details will follow after half term, but we will be collecting toys and games in excellent, clean, working condition.



Year One night film night is coming soon!

When: **Monday 13th November**

Time: **After school – 5pm**

Film: **Minions: The Rise of Gru**

Cost: £5

More details will come out via email next week.

If you would like to order some **pre-loved uniform**, please use the link below:

[JPS Preloved Uniform Order Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)



Our committee is currently being run by:

Co-chairs – Louise Braithwaite and Jennie Ellison Co-secretaries – Kimberley Ward and Siân Birch Treasurer – Sam Davison

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th November** (venue TBC) and we would love to see some new faces!

Please email us on fjps.committee@gmail.com if you would like to find out how to get involved.

Peacock Club

Spaces are still available at Peacock Club before and after school for all James Peacock children.

Breakfast club – 07:30-08:30

After School Care – 15:10-18:00

For booking information and pricing, please visit -

<https://www.jamespeacock.org.uk/club-information-and-timings.html>



Extra Curricular Activities



Magical Maths is back for Year 1!

Featuring fun games, tricks and activities designed to help your child become more confident and engaged with Maths! Starting on Wednesday 8th November. To find out more, click the link below: www.magicalmathsclub.com
Places are limited and fill up fast.

Ace Sports Coaching are running after school sports or dance clubs each evening after school until 16:30. Clubs cost £5.50 and booking is essential.

