



Newsletter **7 October 2015**

DIARY DATES

Dates for the School Year can be found on the school website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the calendar. Please check regularly for new dates. You will receive further information about forthcoming events nearer the time, as appropriate.

Dates in red are events to which some, or all parents are invited, as appropriate.

The London information meeting scheduled for 8 October will now be on 12 November. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tuesday 13-Monday 19 October
Bookfair



Tuesday 13 October
Individual School Photos

Wednesday 14 October
Parent-Teacher Consultation
3.30-6.30pm



Monday 19 October
Parent Teacher Consultation
3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 22 October
Y4 Class Assembly
9.15am



School closes to children for half term.

Monday 2 November
School re-opens

Wednesday 4 November

Year 3
Visit to Flag Fen



Tuesday 10 November
Reception Parents' Curriculum Meeting
2.00pm



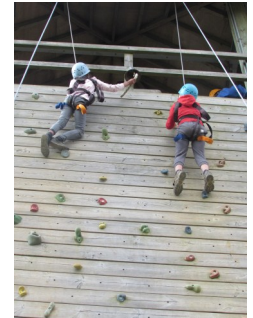
Thursday 12 November
Y6 London Information Evening
5.00pm –6.00pm
PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we approach the end of another very busy week, here at Barrowby CE Primary School. It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday at our Harvest Festival and thank you for the many donations of food for the Grantham Foodbank. The children continue to work extremely hard and are enjoying all aspects of school life. I hope you enjoy reading this week's news.

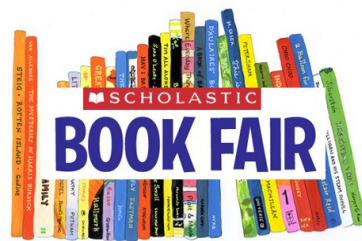
Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School



Year 4 Visit to PGL

Year 4 had an amazing time at PGL, in Caythorpe, last Thursday and Friday. This one night residential stay is a real opportunity for the children to make memories that will last a life-time and a great way to challenge themselves to try out new things. This year, the children took part in quad biking, rock climbing, a sensory trail, problem solving and the giant swing. Our evening entertainment was Robot Wars and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all. As ever, our children displayed excellent manners and were a pleasure to accompany. A big thank you to all the adults who came to help. We look forward to welcoming our Year 4 parents into school on Thursday 22nd October for our PGL assembly, more details to follow later.



Bookfair

As you probably know, the Book Fair is a very popular and successful event, which enables us to buy extra books for our School and Class Libraries each year. The children love choosing the books for their classroom from the Fair! The Book Fair will be in the School Hall, from **Tuesday 13 – Monday 19 October**.

There will be selections for our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, as well as books suitable for pre-school children. Your child will be given a leaflet highlighting some of the books in the fair. Classes will visit the Book Fair during school time; if you would like your child to be able to buy a book on a class visit, please send the exact money to school in a sealed envelope, marked with your child's name, the amount, and the name of the book they would like to buy. There will be an opportunity for parents to donate a book to our school or class libraries. If a particular title has sold out, it can be ordered – payment with order please.

The **Book Fair** will be open to parents/carers from **3.00pm to 3.45pm** each day, if you would like to have a quiet browse before school ends, or visit with your child/ren at 3.15pm. The Fair will also be open during our Parent/Teacher consultation on 14 October.

Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 13 October**. All children will be photographed on their own, and with siblings, and you will receive a preview pack, to allow you to order photos, if you would like to. Please make sure that your child is wearing their smartest uniform! You may also wish to send them with a comb, or hairbrush.



Parent-Teacher Consultation Bookings on Parentmail PMX

We have now launched our very first electronic appointment booking system for parent-teacher consultations. If you have already booked your appointment—thank you.

Inevitably, with a new system, there have been some minor problems for a small number of parents, and we are working with Parentmail to resolve these. Thank you for alerting us to any issues—please continue to do so, as it helps us to feedback to Parentmail and find solutions. All parents now have access to the system to book an appointment.

Please book as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. You should receive a reminder of your appointment two days in advance.

While waiting at the school gate.....

Please make sure that your children are under your direct supervision at all times, as vehicles may be entering or exiting the school. Please do not allow children to run around unsupervised in the churchyard—this is not safe, or appropriate. You are very welcome to walk in the churchyard with your children, but please respect this area, and others who may be using it.

We would also ask that, if you have a dog with you when you come to school, that you ensure that it is kept under close control. The area outside school inevitably becomes quite crowded, and some parents have told us that their children—especially little ones in pushchairs—have been upset or frightened by dogs coming very close to them. Thank you for your help.



School Lunches

Our 'Barrowby dining Experience' continues to go very well, with a good uptake of hot school meals. If your child has been having packed lunches, but would like a hot meal now that the weather is getting colder, you can order meals [here](#). Please remember that you need to order by Tuesday, for the following week.

Parents can choose between a hot school meal, or a packed lunch for their children, but are not able to accommodate any variations on this e.g. alternative items from home in place of the hot school meal. When ordering a hot meal, you have four main course, and three dessert options each day to choose from.

Village Advent Calendar

In December, Barrowby Church is organising a community event, where one house, or village business, will decorate and illuminate a window for each evening of Advent (1st—24th December). All the windows will be illuminated from 6pm-8pm on Christmas Eve, when we hope lots of people will come to see them, and then join us for refreshments and some seasonal music in church. Our school will be decorating a window, and if you live in Barrowby village, and have a window visible from the pavement, you might like to decorate a window at home. Forms with more information, and a choice of themes to choose from are available from school or church. Initially, 24 windows are needed, but if there are more people who would like to join in, this can be arranged. Completed forms need to be returned to school or church by 31 October.



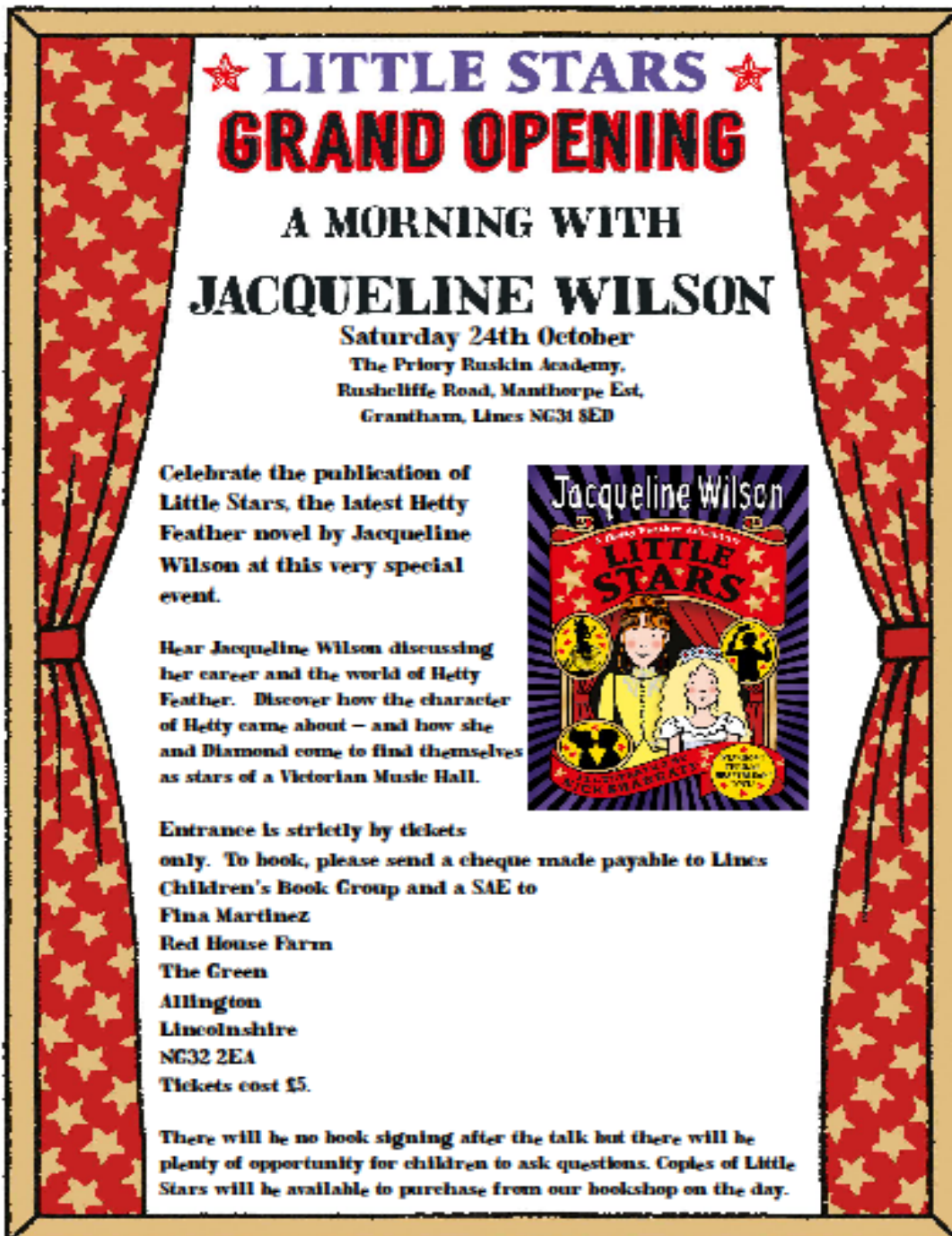
Found!

Some keys were found on the playground area on the village green on Saturday, and on Tuesday a computer memory stick was found on Casthorpe Road, also near to the village green. If you think either of these items may be yours, please contact school, with a brief description.

A morning with Jacqueline Wilson

We have received further information about this event, which we have been asked to pass on to you:

- The event is for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children and is for children only event i.e. no adults.
- Adults will be able to drop their child off and then wait in the school car park.
- Children must be 7+ and ideally arrive 20-30 mins prior to the event starting at 11.30am.
- This is a 'tickets only' event - Tickets available from Lincs Children Book Groups (£5 each).




★ **LITTLE STARS** ★
GRAND OPENING

**A MORNING WITH
JACQUELINE WILSON**

Saturday 24th October
The Priory Rusklin Academy,
Rushcliffe Road, Manthorpe Est.,
Grantham, Lincs NG31 5ED

Celebrate the publication of **Little Stars**, the latest Hetty Feather novel by Jacqueline Wilson at this very special event.

Hear Jacqueline Wilson discussing her career and the world of Hetty Feather. Discover how the character of Hetty came about – and how she and Diamond come to find themselves as stars of a Victorian Music Hall.



Entrance is strictly by tickets only. To book, please send a cheque made payable to Lincs Children's Book Group and a SAE to
Fina Martinez
Red House Farm
The Green
Allington
Lincolnshire
NG32 2EA
Tickets cost £5.

There will be no book signing after the talk but there will be plenty of opportunity for children to ask questions. Copies of Little Stars will be available to purchase from our bookshop on the day.

Signposting



We are happy to signpost events and organisations which may be of interest to our school community.

You can find information about activities for children [here](#), and support services for families [here](#).

New opportunities are added frequently, so please check regularly.

However, we cannot recommend or endorse any activity or organisation outside of school, and parents/carers must therefore satisfy themselves of their suitability.