



DIARY DATES

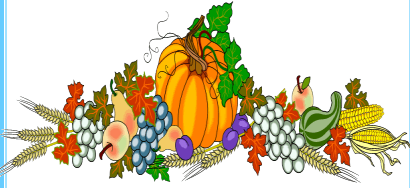
Dates for the School Year can be found on the school website.

[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.

Wednesday 7 October

2.15pm Harvest Festival in Barrowby Church



Thursday 8 October

Y6 London Information Evening
5.00pm – 6.00pm



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



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been another very busy week, here at school, everything from a Coffee morning, information evening's for parents to conquer 'battles' on the playground. As always we are all working very hard and enjoying school life. I hope you enjoy finding out what we've been up to.

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support of our Macmillan Coffee Morning last Friday and to Mrs Hart and school staff for organising the event. We have raised over £300 for this very worthwhile cause. There is a box at the main school office if you would still like to contribute.

Autumn means....Conkers!



Being a Headteacher isn't all hard work, as you can see here, as Mr Batey joins in the fun during a hard fought traditional Autumn game of conkers, in the playground, this week. Mr Batey's conker finally bit the dust today as you can see from the picture!

He will no doubt be scouring the countryside looking for another 'championship' conker.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is next Wednesday, 7 October, in Barrowby Church. The service starts at 2.15pm, and you are very welcome to join us—please remember, however, that space is limited, and you may have to stand. There will be refreshments in the school hall after the service. We are requesting gifts for Grantham Foodbank again this year (please see next page for suggested donations). Please send these to school on, or before, 7 October.



How a Foodbank works:

Food is donated

Food is collected at 'Supermarket Collections' and schools, churches, businesses and individuals also donate **non-perishable, in-date** food. Large collections often take place as part of Harvest Festival celebrations.

Food is sorted and stored

Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need. Care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, CAB and police identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

Clients receive food

Clients bring their voucher to a foodbank centre where it can be redeemed for emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a cup of tea to signpost them to agencies able to solve longer-term problems. Almost 500,000 people were given three day's food in the period April-September this year, 38% higher than the same period last year.

Grantham foodbank

Suggested Donations:

- Instant Mash Potato
- Tinned Potatoes
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Fruit Juice
- Fish and Meat (tinned)
- Tinned Sponge Puddings
- Teas Bags—small packs
- Coffee—small jars
- Sugar (500g)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Toiletries



“NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR FROM GIVING.”



ParentMail PMX launches tomorrow!

95% of parents have now verified their accounts and are ready to go.

We will be sending a test email tomorrow morning via the new Parentmail PMX system. If you do not receive this please contact Mrs Midgley for assistance.



If you don't verify your account you will no longer receive Newsletters and other school communications.

The latest version of ParentMail helps make life for parents much easier; with a single account you can:

- View messages
- Make payments electronically
- Reserve tickets for school events
- **NEW** Complete forms and surveys and give permissions for educational visits electronically
- **NEW** Book parents' evening appointments— **this will be used for the October Parent/Teacher consultation evening, more information to follow**
- **NEW** Report an absence without the need to ring the school

For parents, one of the biggest benefits is that you can easily pick up school messages on your smartphone by downloading the **free** ParentMail App on Android or iOS. You will also still be able to access ParentMail via a computer/laptop/tablet, through the internet as you can at present. As always, we welcome your feedback, so let us know what you think of PMX, and the new features.



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.

★ LITTLE STARS ★

GRAND OPENING

A MORNING WITH

JACQUELINE WILSON

Saturday 24th October
The Priory Ruskin 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
Ailington
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.