



## Author Jacqueline Wilson thinks children worry more

Jacqueline Wilson has been writing books for over thirty years! From her experience, she believes that today's children feel more worried than before. Jacqueline thinks that while children are still enjoying books, adults would rather be glued to their smartphones.

Dame Jacqueline was awarded the Special Award at the recent Bafta Children's ceremony. When Jacqueline started writing, the internet didn't exist, let alone social media.

She says, "children are growing up in a completely different world to the one of my first books, which is why I avoid writing about technology. Girls worry even more now about how they look and there's an expectation that there wasn't 20 years ago: 'look cool with shiny hair and be bright



Children's author, Jacqueline Wilson and chirpy and popular with girls - and boys!"

## Volcanic activity in Bali leads to red warning



Rising ash leaving the volcano from Mount Agung.

A red warning was issued to airlines about potentially dangerous volcanic ash in the skies close to Bali after Mount Agung emitted a thick plume of smoke reaching 4,000m (13,100 feet) has been issued to airlines. The red warning means an eruption is forecast to be very likely, with significant emission of ash. Authorities have begun distributing masks in some areas as ash falls.

Bali is a major tourist destination, although the main resorts of Kuta and Seminyak are about 70km (43 miles) from the volcano. Tourism in Bali is still safe, except in the danger zone around Mount Agung. It told people within a 7.5km exclusion zone to "immediately evacuate" in an "orderly and calm manner".



## Save our School Libraries!



A typical school library.

Children's authors Philip Pullman and Malorie Blackman are calling for a stop to the decline

in England's school libraries.

They, along with 148 others, wrote to Education Secretary Justine Greening, asking her to signal her belief in the "value of literacy" for learning. She is being urged to set up a national service and to safeguard the positions of qualified librarians in schools.

The government said spending on libraries was decided by schools but says: "Since 2008, the provision of adequately staffed libraries in schools and colleges with up-to-date learning and reading resources has declined."

*Do you have a school library? If not, would you like one, if you do is it well used? Let us know!*

## Giving gifts and saying thanks!

We are now getting closer to the Christmas holiday break when lots of us will be writing our lists and thinking about the different gifts we might like to receive. Today, we'd like you to think about the many people who have helped you over the year and who you think deserve a special gift. This could be a friend, family member or helper in school.

We have a limited number of 'Peter the Picture News' bears looking for new homes! We'd like to send them through to you, for you to give to someone who really deserves an extra special thank you this year!

*Please send through your statements or stories for the person you think deserves a bear to our email or postal address below on or before Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – good luck!*



A 'Peter the Picture News' bear

We can't wait to hear about all of your stories and share them!



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