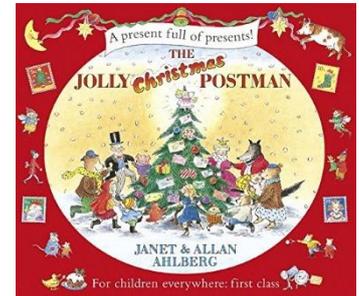


Galleywood Infant School

Monday 23rd November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure your children will have told you by now about our production of The Jolly Christmas Postman. This fabulous book by Janet and Allan Ahlberg was first published in 1991 and has been reprinted many times since. Some of you might remember it from your own childhood- we hope it will bring back some happy memories, and is a lovely way to link together stories and nursery rhymes such as The Three Bears and Humpty Dumpty, which will be familiar to every child. Rehearsals are well underway with children learning lines and practising dances.



We want your children to have the exciting experience of being part of a whole school production, despite the current Coronavirus restrictions. A production or a show enables children to work as a team, to take responsibility for their role, sometimes to try something they have never done before such as dancing or speaking to an audience, to do their best, to develop and improve their performance and ultimately to feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

This year we will not be able to have our usual packed hall, and we will really miss this opportunity to share our work with you all. However, each section of the play will be filmed, edited and brought together as one video, which we will celebrate first in classrooms.

After that we will make it available via YouTube for a short period of time. We have taken advice from several sources about the most secure way to do this and have been advised to use an unlisted YouTube link which means the video is not searchable; it can only be accessed using the secure link we will send to parents and carers.

If you decide that you do not want your child to be part of the presentation for any reason please let us know as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns we will try to answer them. It may be possible to produce DVDs for families and although we are making enquiries about this, we cannot commit to doing so before Christmas.

All children will be filmed within their class scene to avoid children and staff mixing between bubbles. No names will be displayed as part of the film, although a programme with details of songs and dances will be sent home via email and in your child's bookbag.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole staff team for working so hard in these unusual and challenging times to help make school life as normal as possible for the children.

Best wishes
Sarah Manning

