



Friday 11th December 2020

Parents/Carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 children

Dear parents/carers

As you may know, every year we treat the whole school to a Christmas pantomime in the hall. This is usually a surprise but this year things are obviously different and I wanted to write to you all to let you know our proposals so that you can make contact if you have any concerns or comments.

We are doing our very best to keep things as normal as possible for the children and we really don't want them to miss out. The pantomime is already paid for by our wonderful PTA. The company have changed the way they operate this year and we have developed a proposal which we think will keep everyone as Covid safe as possible. I wanted to communicate this to you in advance and we will listen to any parental feedback.

On January 6th 2021 there will be 3 showings of the pantomime. One for reception children, one for Year 1 children and one for Year 2 children. We cannot accommodate the whole school so have given priority to our youngest children. This does mean that an entire year group will be in the hall together. We will ensure that they are at least five metres apart but I cannot be sure that Public Health England would not close both bubbles if one child within the hall was to test positive. This is a potential scenario that you should be aware of.

The pantomime itself will be very different:

- This year will be a 'Cinematic Theatre in Education Pantomime' The screen is 20 feet in size so all children will have an excellent view.
- There will be one on site actor and 10 'virtual actors' who will be seen on the screen, can interact with the audience and on site actor too.
- The one actor on site will be at least 2 metres away from the children.
- The pantomime this year will be the Wizard of Oz.

As always, it is very difficult to know what to do for the best. We know that other local schools are having year group bubbles at certain times to accommodate special events. Throughout we have always tried to keep the children safe and happy. Please let me know if you have any objections to this. I will try to do my best to resolve any issues.

With best wishes
Ms Porter