

School Productions and Shows

At Chorlton C of E every year group is given the opportunity to take part in a performance each year- we believe that these provide children with many skills, boost confidence and offer the opportunity to showcase talents. Children practise public speaking, expression and characterisation, all of which are part of the National Curriculum as well as a wonderful chance to work as a team to produce something they can be proud of.

The opportunities to perform in each year group are listed below:

Nursery & Reception- Christmas Nativity and class assembly each

Year 1- Easter service and class assembly

Year 2- Harvest service and class assembly

Year 3 & 4- Spring production and class assembly each

Year 5- Autumn production, Shakespeare at the Blue Box Theatre with CHS and class assembly

Year 6- Autumn production, Year 6 production and Leavers' Service

Apart from the Yr 3/4 and Yr5/6 shows, all performances are **stand alone** in terms of how parts are assigned, in as much as the staff members will allocate as they see fit at the given time.

For the Yr 5/6 show the staff will reflect upon those who had larger parts in Yr 3/4 and where appropriate endeavour to assign parts to different children. However there is no guarantee of this and staff work hard to make sure parts are given fairly and appropriately at the time of audition.

The process of assigning parts for the Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 performances in particular is as follows:

1. The staff members create or adjust a script to divide up parts
2. The staff members give the children the opportunity to audition in front of the class and 2 staff members, if they would like to
3. The staff members select parts and share with class after a discussion with previous class teachers, factors as mentioned being accounted for where possible
4. The class works together to produce the show - often things adjust in the creative process and children can volunteer to take other potential roles- lighting, sound, extra spoken parts, dances etc.

As you know, we are an inclusive school. We aim to give a role within each production to every child, whether that is acting or other roles in the production; we are clear that no child will be left out. However, how those parts and roles are allocated will be dependent upon the child's preference and suitability for the role and their willingness to participate. Children's views will always be listened to and their preferences accommodated as far as we are able to, however, we cannot promise that every child will receive a role that they expect, and as a result there may be disappointments. As a school we try to mitigate this as much as possible, and as parents you may also feel that disappointment for your child. It is our hope, however, that parents will support their child to manage their feelings and support us in being able to deliver these wonderful extra-curricular events.

We are extremely proud of our staff who gives their extra time to make these productions happen. We want to be able to continue providing our children with these rich experiences and can only do so with the support of our great school community.

Queries in relation to productions can be made via the school office or admin account to the Chair of Governors, John O'Donnell.