

Playstage

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REINDEER SCHOOL



The story of how Reindeer came to pull Santa's sleigh

It's packed with songs!



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REINDEER SCHOOL

CAST LIST

Granny

Grandad

Son – Matthew

Daughter - Elizabeth

Father Christmas

Mrs Christmas

Head Elf

Jingle Elf

Jangle Elf

Headmaster Reindeer

Maths teacher Reindeer

PE teacher Reindeer

Geography teacher Reindeer

Music teacher Reindeer

Superman

Reindeer – Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Vixen, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen

Rudolph

Team of smaller supermen

Elves

Snowmen

Reindeer

*24 speaking parts or more if you wish to break up the Reindeer into separate units.
Unlimited chorus/singing parts.*

Running time approximately 40 minutes. Less if you cut out some of the songs.

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artist's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Songs can be trimmed to whatever length required. Free sound effects sources are given below. Videos of the songs below can be found on You Tube for rehearsal purposes in class.

SUGGESTED SONGS, SOUND EFFECTS AND DANCE MUSIC

1/ THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR – Instrumental

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=The+Most+Wonderful+Time+of+The+Year+instrumental+mp3

2/ THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR – Andy Williams

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=The+Most+Wonderful+Time+of+The+Year+Andy+Williams+mp3&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3AThe+Most+Wonderful+Time+of+The+Year+Andy+Williams+mp3

3/ WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS – You Tube

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=we+wish+you+a+merry+christmas+song

4/ WE ARE SANTA'S ELVES – You Tube

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=we+are+santa%27s+elves

5/ TEAMWORK – You Tube

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=teamwork+song

6/ JINGLE BELLS – You Tube

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jingle+bells+song

7/ FROSTY THE SNOWMAN – You Tube

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=frosty+the+snowman+song

8/ ROCKIN' ALL OVER THE WORLD – Status Quo

www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Rockin%27+All+Over+the+World+mp3&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3ARockin%27+All+Over+the+World+mp3

9/ STEP INTO CHRISTMAS - Elton John

www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Step+into+Christmas+mp3&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3AStep+into+Christmas

10/ WALKING IN THE AIR – Aled Jones

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Walking+in+the+Air+mp3&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3AWalking+in+the+Air+mp3

11/ RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rudolph+the+red+nosed+reindeer+song

12/ SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN – You Tube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=santa+claus+is+coming+to+town

SCENE 1: The Reindeer story

Instrumental of 'It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year' playing softly in the background. Stage set at the front, with a centre and side aisle for children to enter or exit as required as well as centre stage.

On to the stage walks GRANDAD, GRANNY, MATTHEW and ELIZABETH all dressed in their festive jumpers/clothing.

MATTHEW

Grandad, please tell us the story again.....

GRANDAD

Which story is that Matthew?

MATTHEW

The one about the reindeer...

(GRANDAD still looks puzzled)

GRANNY

Ah Grandad, I think Matthew means the story of Father Christmas and his sleigh?

GRANDAD

Ah yes, and when the sleigh got too big for Father Christmas, he needed to find some help to pull it

ELIZABETH

You mean that reindeer haven't always pulled Father Christmas' sleigh?

GRANNY

Now then, Grandad, don't ruin it for Elizabeth, she hasn't heard the story before.

MATTHEW

Go on Grandad, please tell us the story, from the very beginning

GRANDAD

From the very beginning?

ELIZABETH and MATTHEW

Yes please

GRANDAD

Ok. Once upon a time, a very long time ago, it was getting close to Christmas....

GRANNY

Ah yes, the most wonderful time of the year...

SONG 2/ IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR, (*WHOLE CAST or as many as you like*) run onto the stage and all sing/dance).

It's the most wonderful time of the year

With the kids jingle belling

And everyone telling you be of good cheer

It's the most wonderful time of the year

It's the hap-happiest season of all

With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings

When friends come to call

It's the hap-happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting

Marshmallows for toasting

And caroling out in the snow

There'll be scary ghost stories

And tales of the glories of

Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year

There'll be much mistltoeing

And hearts will be glowing

When love ones are near

It's the most wonderful time of the year

There'll be parties for hosting

Marshmallows for toasting

And caroling out in the snow

There'll be scary ghost stories

And tales of the glories of
 Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year
 There'll be much mistltoeing
 And hearts will be glowing
 When love ones are near
 It's the most wonderful time
 Yes the most wonderful time
 Oh the most wonderful time
 Of the year

(At the end, take applause, family move to sit as the side of the stage, as the story that follows 'GRANDAD' is telling the children. If space does not allow, they could exit the stage. Everyone exits the stage except for FATHER CHRISTMAS, MRS CHRISTMAS, HEAD ELF, JINGLE and JANGLE.)

SCENE 2: Father Christmas' Sleigh

HEAD ELF

Well, Father Christmas, is it time for Jingle and Jangle to dust off the sleigh?

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Indeed it is my Head Elf, we need to have it sparkling brightly, ready for me to use it deliver all the presents to all those boys and girls.

JINGLE

I can't believe it's nearly Christmas Eve again.

JANGLE

I know, just where does the year go?

MRS CHRISTMAS

I'm just a little worried that you have over indulged this year. Just a few too many mince pies. *(She pats his tummy)* I know you like pulling your sleigh yourself, but you are not as energetic as you once were....

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Oh fiddlesticks, Mrs Christmas, I will be just fine. Now, where is that sleigh?

(JINGLE and JANGLE bring on the sleigh. See PRODUCTION NOTES.)

JINGLE

Here you go Father Christmas.

JANGLE

Your sleigh, all dusted and shining brightly.

HEAD ELF

Father Christmas, why don't you have a little go at pulling it, and let's see if Mrs Christmas really does need to be worried?

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Absolutely, here we go....

(FATHER CHRISTMAS tries and fails to pull the sleigh, a few times, making some good 'heave/ho' noises.)

MRS CHRISTMAS

It's no use, Father Christmas, you just cannot pull that sleigh anymore.

HEAD ELF

Oh dear, and I heard that more children than ever have been good this year.

JINGLE

Any you know what more good children means?

JANGLE

More presents to deliver and that means...

JINGLE, JANGLE & HEAD ELF

...a heavier sleigh!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

We need a plan. We need someone to help me pull this sleigh, especially if it is going to be heavier than last year!

MRS CHRISTMAS

What can we do?

(MRS CHRISTMAS, FATHER CHRISTMAS, ELVES all put their hands to their heads in a thinking pose. As they do, The HEADMASTER and a team of reindeer children walk across the stage carrying school books.)

HEADMASTER

Come on now my little reindeer, walk in twos please, and do keep up!

(The team of REINDEER walk in front of the thinkers, and exit down the main aisle. Once they have exited each character on the stage in turn points their fingers in the air, as if they just have had an idea and say the following...)

JINGLE

Reindeer!

JANGLE

Reindeer!

MRS CHRISTMAS

Reindeer!

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Reindeer!

HEAD ELF

Reindeer – fantastic idea! I'll go and speak to the headmaster now whilst everyone else prepares the presents. Not long now until Christmas Eve!

(JINGLE, JANGLE, MRS CHRISTMAS, FATHER CHRISTMAS exit the stage. HEAD ELF stands as the side of the stage. HEADMASTER and REINDEER return to the stage.)

SONG 3/ HEADMASTER and REINDEER sing.

We wish you a merry Christmas
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 We wish you a merry Christmas
 And a happy New Year

Good tidings we bring
 To you and your Kin
 Good tidings for Christmas
 And a happy New Year

(Take applause.)

HEAD ELF

Good morning, Mr Headmaster I see you and your reindeer are getting into the Christmas Spirit?

HEADMASTER

Indeed, my good friend, Head Elf, and how are you today? All on track for Christmas Eve? We have just finished Reindeer School for the Christmas Holidays!

HEAD ELF

That is what I was hoping to speak to you about Mr Headmaster. Unfortunately Father Christmas can no longer pull his sleigh, it is too heavy, and we wondered if you had any reindeer who could help to pull his sleigh on Christmas Eve?

HEADMASTER

Reindeer, pull a sleigh? How strange, but yes, I am sure with a little bit of extra classes we could teach the reindeer everything they needed to know.

HEAD ELF

Excellent news, I will bring Father Christmas along tomorrow to choose some reindeer to pull the sleigh.