

CHRISTMAS



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It's Christmas and Daisy has been given an actual part in the actual school Christmas play!

She has special lines to learn and even a special costume to wear!!

Trouble is ... there's something about baby Jesus that isn't quite special enough.



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To Santa





Some words about Christmas:

"Good afternoon everybody and welcome!" $Daisy's\ headmaster$



"Oh no." Daisy's teacher



"Look out!"

Daisy's mum



The Woolly Wonkas



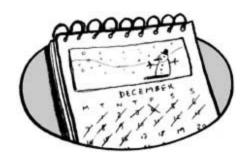
"Oops!" *Daisy*



"Gulp." *Gabby*

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CHAPTER 1



Ask Gabby. Ask Paula Potts. Ask anyone who isn't Mrs Peters, or any of the other teachers, or my mum or Gabby's mum and dad!

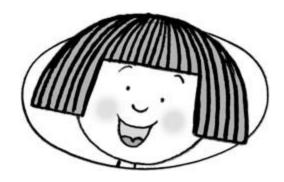
It's all Christmas's fault. Not mine. If Christmas hadn't made me get so excited, then everything would have been just fine.

Except it wasn't fine.

It was a bit embarrassing really.

CHAPTER 2

THE TROUBLE WITH Christmas excitement is it gets you all over.



It goes into your toes and your fingers and your elbows and your hair and your eyeballs and up your jumper. It wiggles into your brain through your ears. It gets you in your lips so you can't stop smiling. It gets you in your legs so you can't stop skipping.



It gets you inside your tummy so your heartbeat won't stop going *bibbidy-bibbidy-bop* ALL the time. It even gets you in your eyelashes, so you can't close your eyes properly when you go to bed.

And it lasts for AGES!

My Christmas excitement started in September!

September is when all the Christmassy things come into the shops. My mum says it's a disgrace putting Christmassy things in the shops in September. My mum says that shops should only put their Christmassy things on the shelves in about November when it's nearly Christmas, not September when it's still nearly summer.

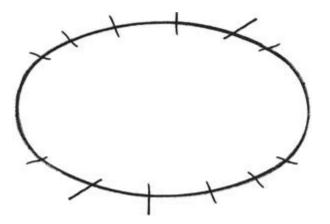


But I think she's wrong. I think shops should get rid of all their normal things (apart from sweets) in about January, and then have Christmassy things on their shelves until Christmas.

I LOVE Christmassy things! In fact when I'm about twenty-seven that's what I'm going to be; a Christmassything shop owner! Who only sells Christmassy things!

Unless Santa gives me a job, that is.

The $trouble\ with\ Santa$ is you never get to actually see him.





Even when he comes down the chimney with all your presents, you won't see him. That's because he magicks you asleep before he comes.

Did you know that when Santa touches the side of his nose with his finger, it makes him small enough to go up and down chimneys? It's true because I've seen it in a book. You will never ever get to see the real Santa because his magic is so good.

You can still write to him though. I wrote a letter to Santa in October. It said:

To Santa Santa's House The North Pole

Dear Santa,

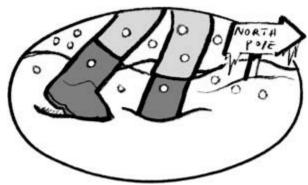
Please when I grow up can I be one of your helpers? I will try not to grow up too much because I know elves are usually very short, but I'm really good at wrapping presents, plus I can bring my own red scissors, plus I would be really good at feeding Rudolph. So please can I have a job when I'm about seventeen?

Love, Daisy

The **trouble with writing letters** to Santa is they have to be sent to the North Pole, which is the farthest away place in the world.



The **trouble with walking to the North Pole** is it will really make your postman's feet ache.



My mum says the quickest way to send a letter to Santa is to magic it there. I thought she was going to say by hovercraft or something, but she didn't. She said if I gave my letter to her on Bonfire Night, she would post it for me then.

So I did. Plus I wrote my Christmas list to Santa too!

Dear Santa,

I know it isn't even December yet, but my mum says she's going to magic my letter and my Christmas list to you on Bonfire Night. In case you didn't know, I've been really good all year. Well, nearly all year. And when I wasn't that good, it wasn't my fault! So please can I have these things for my Christmas presents:

pogo stick that doesn't fall over