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## *HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Following the success of last year's 'The Night Before A Chesterton Christmas' video, I have decided to take on the challenge of editing together another festive offering! This year, I would like the pupils to apply their dramatic reading talents to another one of my favourites: Dr Seuss' '**How The Grinch Stole Christmas**'. This is longer than 'The Night Before Christmas', but hopefully will mean that I will not have to cut individual's clips too short. We also have a lot more pupils than this time last year! So, how can you get involved?

The plan is for a child to choose a line, or lines, from their class' section of the poem, practise until they know it/them well (this will be trickier for our younger pupils who may need some adult help) and then perform it to be filmed at home (see details below). If they want to include expression or gesture to enhance their performance, all the better! There were some fantastic examples last year, which really added some 'je ne sais quoi' to the end result!

The videos will then be put together to create a whole school dramatic reading similar to last year's.

[Christmas Videos 2020](#) (click on "Twas The Night Before A Chesterton Christmas).

### Filming details:

- Record one line at a time. Your child may choose to record more than one line, but please record each as a separate file.
- To be filmed landscape only.
- Try to be as clear and expressive as possible. Take your time, so the words are clear
- Please wear a Christmassy outfit. This could be a Christmas jumper, or something more extravagant!
- Aim for a Christmas backdrop. It could be in front of a wreath on the front door, by the fire or next to the Christmas tree!

The closing date for all contributions to be emailed to [head.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk) is **Monday December 13th**. This will allow time for me to put any finishing touches to recordings, before editing together to be shared in school before the end of term. Any contributions submitted will earn points for your house too, but please be aware that we may not be able to include all videos.

If you have questions about any of the requests, please don't hesitate to ask.

*Yours sincerely, Mr Horner*



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Respect Compassion Resilience  
Hope Integrity Humility

# *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

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*by Dr. Seuss*

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## **MAPLE**

1. Every Who Down in Whoville liked Christmas a lot...
2. But the Grinch, who lived just north of Whoville, did NOT!
3. The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!
4. Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.
5. It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.
6. It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.
7. But I think that the most likely reason of all,
8. May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.
9. Whatever the reason, his heart or his shoes,
10. He stood there on Christmas Eve, hating the Whos!
11. Staring down from his cave, with a sour, Grinchy frown,
12. At the warm lighted windows below in their town.
13. For he knew every Who down in Whoville beneath,
14. Was busy now, hanging a mistletoe wreath.
15. "And they're hanging their stockings!" he snarled with a sneer,
16. (WHOLE MAPLE CLASS) "Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!"

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## **BEECH**

1. Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,
2. "I MUST find some way to stop Christmas from coming!"
3. For tomorrow, he knew, all the Who girls and boys,
4. Would wake bright and early. They'd rush for their toys!
5. And then! Oh, the noise!
6. Oh, the Noise! Noise! Noise! Noise!
7. That's one thing he hated! The NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!
8. Then the Whos, young and old, would sit down to a feast.
9. And they'd feast! And they'd feast! And they'd FEAST! FEAST! FEAST!
10. They would feast on Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast beast.
11. Which was something the Grinch couldn't stand in the least!
12. And *then* they'd do something he liked least of all!
13. Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,
14. Would stand close together, with Christmas bells ringing.
15. They'd stand hand-in-hand. And the Whos would start *singing!*
16. They'd sing! And they'd sing! And they'd SING! SING! SING!
17. And the more the Grinch thought of this Who Christmas Sing,
18. (WHOLE BEECH CLASS) The more the Grinch thought, "I must stop this whole thing!"

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## **ASH**

1. "Why, for fifty-three years I've put up with it now!"
2. "I *must* stop this Christmas from coming! But *how*?"
3. Then he got an idea! An awful idea!
4. THE GRINCH GOT A WONDERFUL, AWFUL IDEA!
5. "I know just what to do!" The Grinch laughed in his throat.
6. And he made a quick Santa Claus hat and a coat.
7. And he chuckled, and clucked, "What a great Grinchy trick!"
8. "With this coat and this hat, I look just like Saint Nick!"
9. "All I need is reindeer..." The Grinch looked around.
10. But, since reindeer are scarce, there was none to be found.
11. Did that stop the old Grinch? NO! The Grinch simply said,
12. "If I can't find a reindeer, I'll make one instead!"
13. So he called his dog, Max. Then he took some red thread,
14. And he tied a big horn on the top of his head.
15. Then he loaded some bags and some old empty sacks,
16. On a ramshackle sleigh and he hitched up old Max.
17. Then the Grinch said, "Giddy-up!" And the sleigh started down,
18. Toward the homes where the Whos lay asnooze in their town.
19. All their windows were dark. Quiet snow filled the air.
20. (WHOLE ASH CLASS) The Whos were all dreaming sweet dreams without care.

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## **CHESTNUT**

1. When he came to the first little house on the square.
2. "This is stop number one," the old Grinchy Claus hissed,
3. And he climbed to the roof, empty bags in his fist.
4. Then he slid down the chimney. A rather tight pinch.
5. But, if Santa could do it, then so could the Grinch.
6. He got stuck only once, for a moment or two.
7. Then he stuck his head out of the fireplace flue.
8. Where the little Who stockings all hung in a row.
9. "These stockings," he grinned, "Are the first things to go!"
10. Then he slithered and slunk, with a smile most unpleasant,
11. Around the whole room, and he took *every* present!
12. Pop guns! And bicycles! Roller skates! Drums!
13. Checkerboards! Tricycles! Popcorn! And plums!
14. And he stuffed them in bags. Then the Grinch, very nimbly,
15. Stuffed all the bags, one by one, up the chimney!
16. Then he slunk to the freezer. He took the Whos' feast!
17. He took the Who-pudding! He took the roast beast!
18. He cleaned out that freezer as quick as a flash.
19. Why, that Grinch even took their last can of Who-hash!
20. Then he stuffed all the food up the chimney with glee.
21. (WHOLE CHESTNUT CLASS) "And NOW!" grinned the Grinch, "I will stuff up the tree!"

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## **ROWAN**

1. The very last things he took were the logs for their fire!
2. Then he went up the chimney, himself, the old liar!
3. On their walls, he left nothing but hooks and some wire.
4. And the one speck of food that he left in the house,
5. Was a crumb that was even too small for a mouse!
6. Then he did the same thing to the other Whos' houses,
7. Leaving crumbs much too small for the other Whos' mice!
8. It was quarter past dawn... All the Whos, still a-bed,
9. All the Whos, still asnooze when he packed up his sled,
10. Packed it up with their presents! The ribbons! The wrappings!
11. The tags! And the tinsel! The trimmings! The trappings!
12. "PoohPooh to the Whos!" he was grinchishly humming.
13. "They're finding out now that no Christmas is coming!"
14. "They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do!"
15. "Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
16. Then the Whos down in Whoville will all cry BooHoo!"
17. "That's a noise," grinned the Grinch, "That I simply MUST hear!"
18. So he paused..... And the Grinch put his hand to his ear.
19. And he *did* hear a sound rising over the snow.
20. It started in low..... Then it started to grow.
21. (WHOLE ROWAN CLASS) But the sound *wasn't* sad! Why, this sound sounded merry!

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## **OAK**

1. It couldn't be so! But it WAS merry! VERY!
2. He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes!
3. Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!
4. Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,
5. Was singing! Without any presents at all!
6. He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!
7. Somehow or other, it came just the same!
8. And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,
9. Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"
10. "It came without ribbons! It came without tags!"
11. "It came without packages, boxes or bags!"
12. And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.
13. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
14. "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "Doesn't come from a store."
15. "Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"
16. And what happened then? Well...in Whoville they say,
17. That the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!
18. And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight,
19. He whizzed with his load through the bright morning light,
20. (WHOLE OAK CLASS) And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast!
21. (SPECIAL GUEST) And he, HE HIMSELF! The Grinch carved the roast beast!