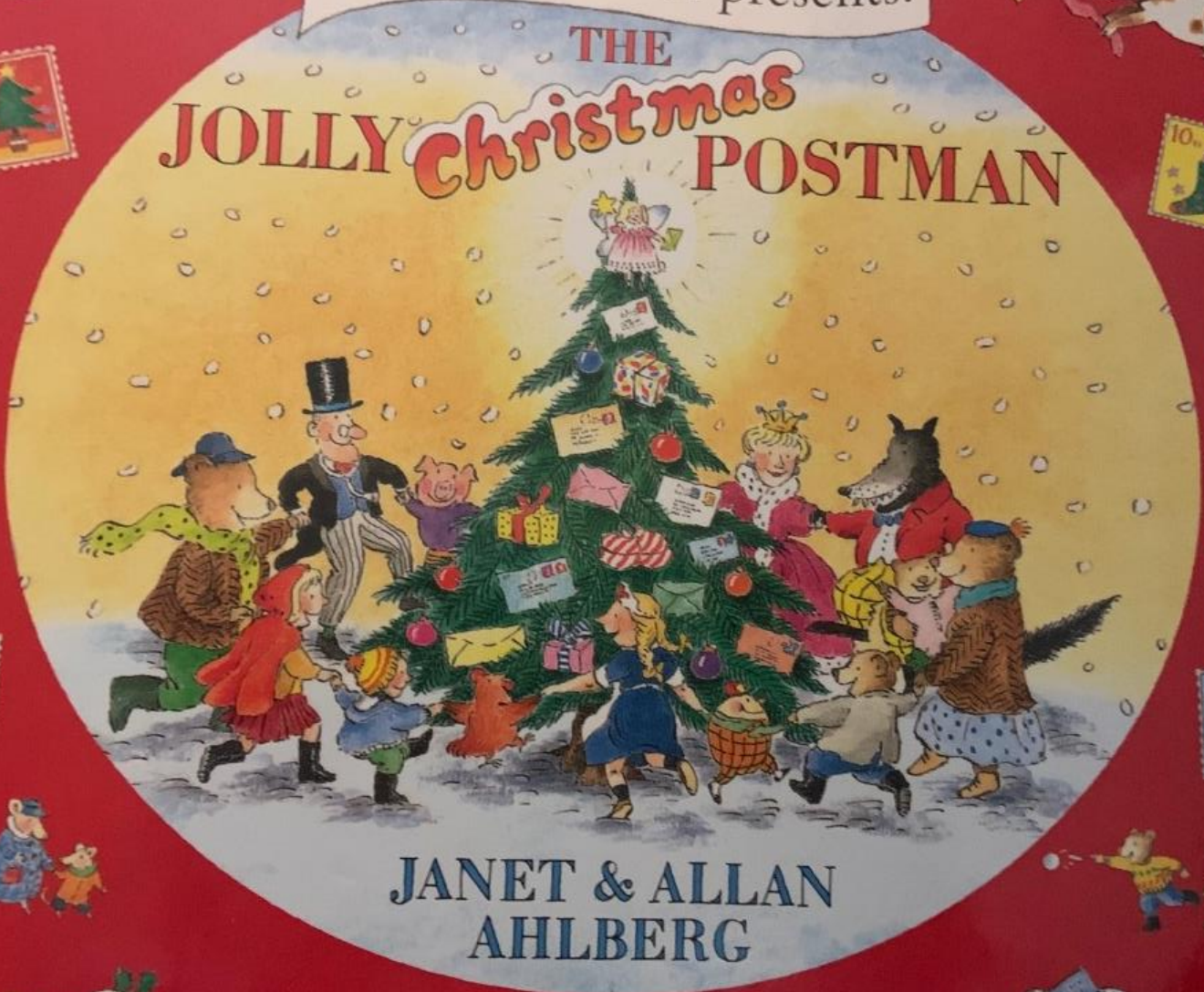


The Jolly Christmas Postman

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A present full of presents!

THE JOLLY Christmas POSTMAN



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For children everywhere: first class





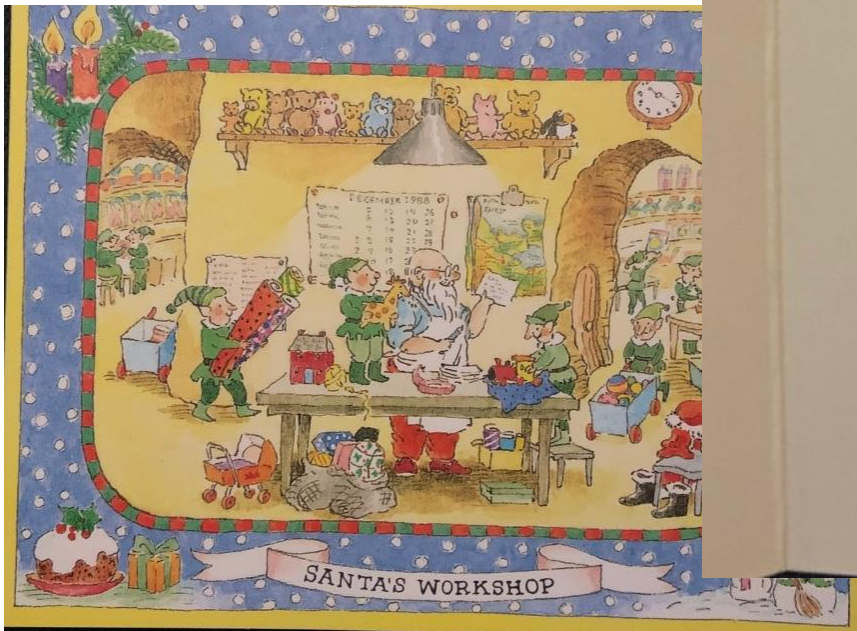
Once upon a Christmas Eve
Just after it had snowed,
The Jolly Postman (him again!)
Came down the jolly road;
And in the bag upon his back
An . . . *interesting* load.

First stop: Four Bears Cottage.





To
Baby Bear
Four Bears Cottage
The Woods

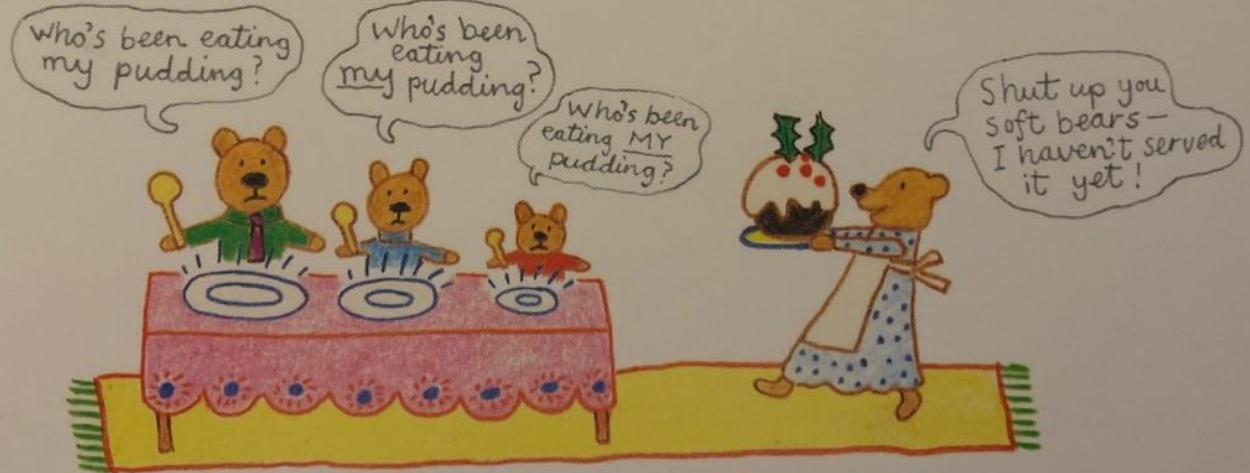


To Baby Bear and brother
from
Goldilocks and sister



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

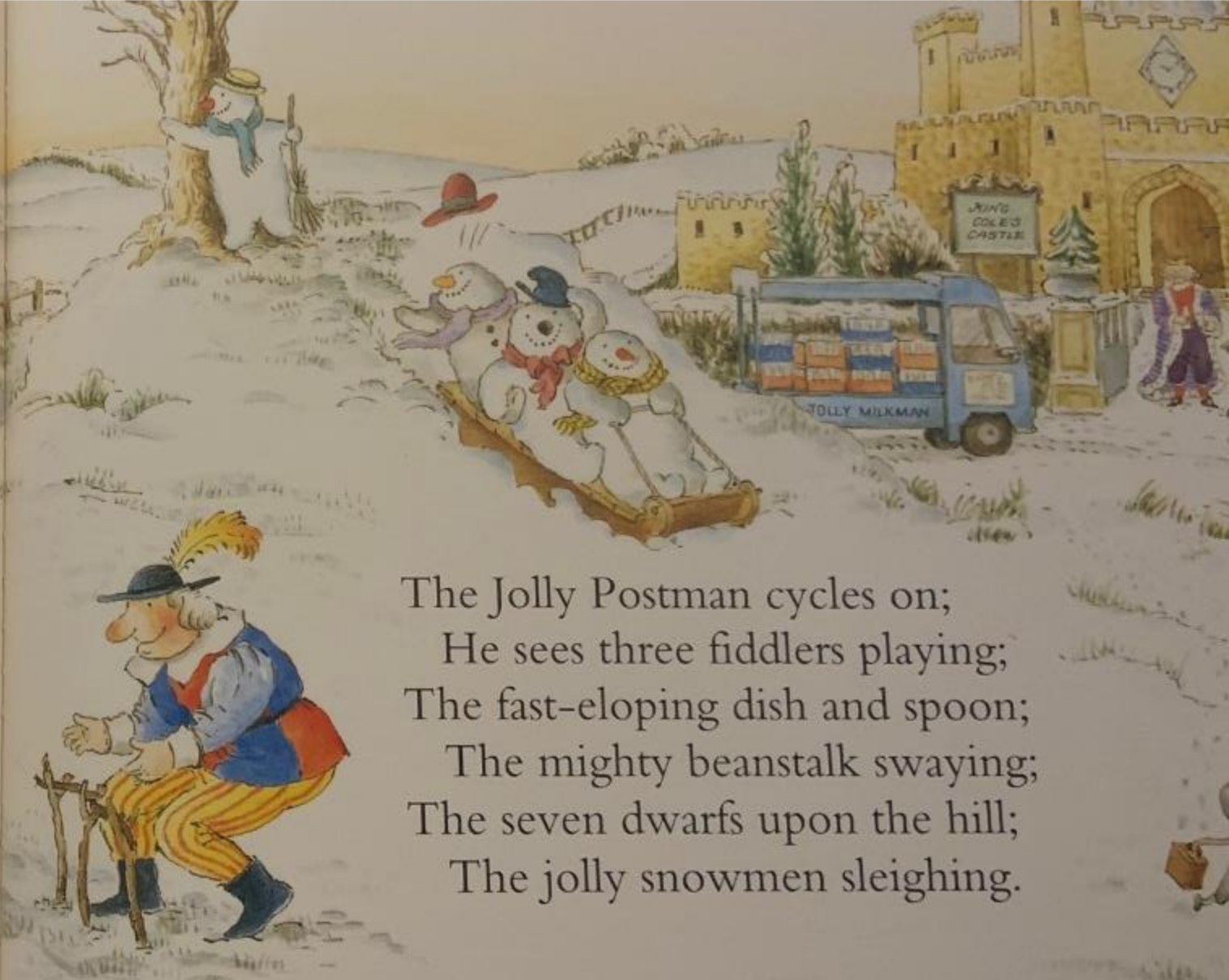
and a Christmas joke





A Christmas card for Baby Bear,
A babier bear who's shy.
A mummy up a ladder;
A postman with a pie.
A postman on his bike again:
Ta, ta! Take care! Bye-bye!





The Jolly Postman cycles on;
He sees three fiddlers playing;
The fast-eloping dish and spoon;
The mighty beanstalk swaying;
The seven dwarfs upon the hill;
The jolly snowmen sleighing.

And, by and by, second stop,
He comes to Red Riding Hood's house.





FIRST CLASS



POST EARLY
FOR
CHRISTMAS



MISS R. HOOD
THE PLAY HOUSE
GARDEN PATH
DIDDLE DUMPLING



BEWARE



Get out of the Woods!

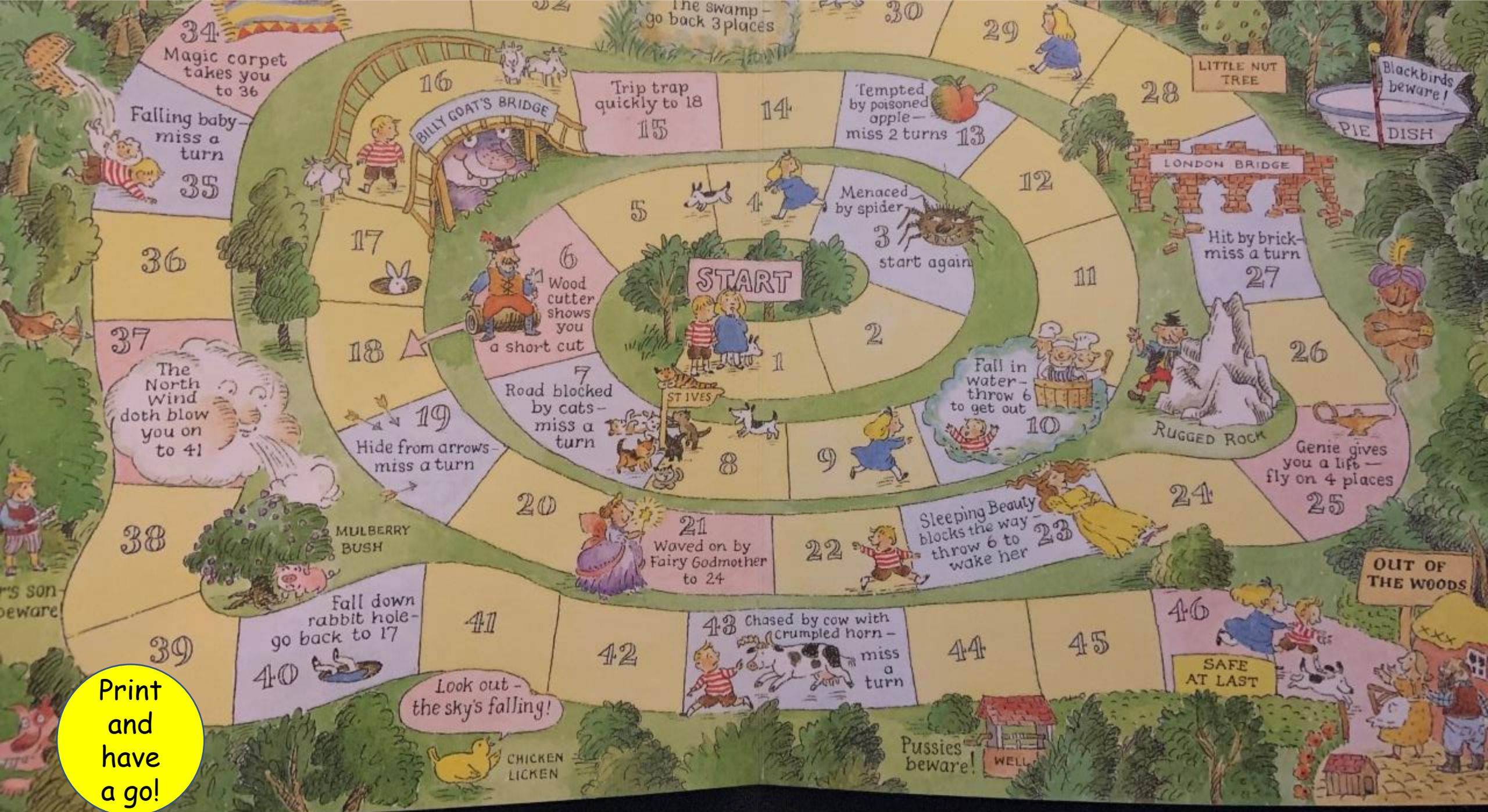
The Rules

- 1 Throw a 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 to start.
- 2 No cheating!
- 3 No pulling faces at your little (big) sister (brother).
- 4 No arguing with your Mum/Dad/Gran/Uncle Charlie/the Milkman.
- 5 No boasting if you win.
- 6 No sulking if you lose.

HAVE FUN!

and remember - there's worse
than wolves in the world!





Print and have a go!

34 Magic carpet takes you to 36

Falling baby - miss a turn 35

16 BILLY GOAT'S BRIDGE

Trip trap quickly to 18 15

Tempted by poisoned apple - miss 2 turns 13

LITTLE NUT TREE

Blackbirds beware! PIE DISH

LONDON BRIDGE

Menaced by spider - start again 3

Hit by brick - miss a turn 27

START

6 Woodcutter shows you a short cut

Fall in water - throw 6 to get out 10

RUGGED ROCK

Genie gives you a lift - fly on 4 places 25

37 The North Wind doth blow you on to 41

19 Hide from arrows - miss a turn

7 Road blocked by cats - miss a turn

Sleeping Beauty blocks the way - throw 6 to wake her 23

24

21 Waved on by Fairy Godmother to 24

22

MULBERRY BUSH

40 Fall down rabbit hole - go back to 17

Look out - the sky's falling!

43 Chased by cow with Crumpled horn - miss a turn

44

45

46 SAFE AT LAST

OUT OF THE WOODS

CHICKEN LICKEN

Pussies beware!

WELL



A jolly game – a lucky girl!
But see what's written here:
'From Mr Wolf' – he's got a nerve –
'A Merry Christmas, dear'!
The Postman can't think what to say,
And sips his ginger beer,

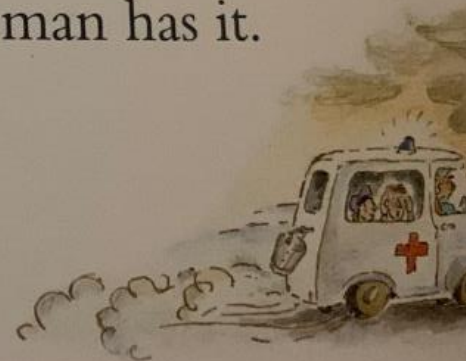
... And eats his pie,
And waves bye-bye.





The Postman gets back on his bike
And rides another mile.
A crooked mile, in actual fact,
It takes him quite a while.
He never finds the sixpence, though,
Or, come to that, the stile.
And, besides, the crooked man has it.

Next stop: the hospital!





Mr H. Dumpty
Winney Ward
Cock Robin Memorial Hospital

HUMPTY'S JIGSAW



Humpty Dumpty comes to bits.
Put him together – see how he fits.

Humpty gets a jigsaw as a present, I've included a cut and stick Humpty in your activities for today so you can make your own jigsaw!



Humpty Dumpty smiles and blinks.
'A jigsaw – for me? What fun!' he thinks.
'From all the King's horses
And all the King's men – how nice.'
Then he falls out of bed
And gets cracked again, i.e. twice.



Never mind . . .
In comes the doctor (Foster),
In comes the nurse,
In comes the lady with the alligator purse
. . . and they mend him.

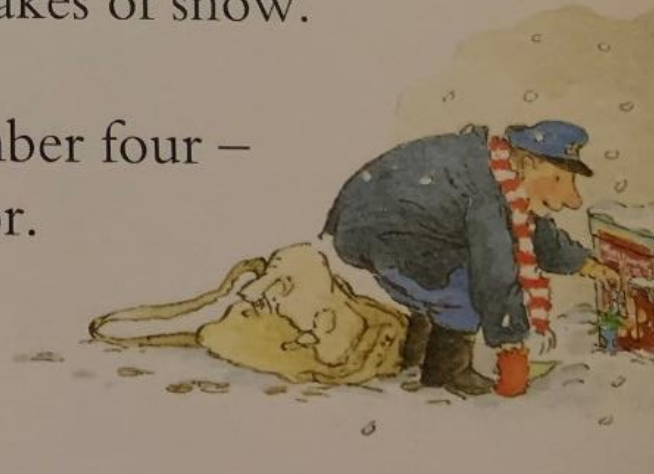




The Jolly Postman waves bye-bye;
He still has far to go.

The sun has vanished from the sky,
The clouds are hanging low.
He feels a 'kiss' upon his cheek –
The first fresh flakes of snow.

And comes – number four –
To a small tin door.





THE GINGERBREAD BOY
McVITIE HOUSE
LITTLE TOE LANE
TOYTOWN.

THE TOY TOWN CHRISTMAS ANNUAL

Stories

People

and Pictures for Little

All your favourites

Tom Thumb

Tiny Tim

Wee Willie Winkie

and many more



FREE
BOOK
INSIDE!



'A book in a book!' says the Gingerbread Boy.
'What a simply *delicious* surprise.'
(But if only he knew, *he's* in one, too –
That really would open his eyes.)
Then . . .
A bucket of tea for the Postman
And four and twenty mince pies.





Off through the snow the Postman rides
With more than a meal in his insides.
He's all shook up and all of a-quiver,
And it's not just the cold that makes him shiver.
There's a letter he'd rather not deliver ...

To you-know-who.
Ooooooh!



Who do you
think the
Postman is
visiting??



MISTER WOLF

THE
DEN

THE WOLF SPOTTER'S GUIDE XMAS EDITION SPECIAL

Watch out!



Spot-the-wolf

Some good advice for girls and boys - grandmas - woodcutters - small pigs - gingerbread boys - turkey sandwiches and pineapple yoghurts - (they'll eat anything!)



How to spot

Clues

Look out for
1) Teeth (big)

2) Ears (big)
3) Eyes (big)

Specialises in old ladies etc.



(a) easy (b) hard (c) impossible (genius)



4) Bushy tail - very hairy - growls! So there's no excuse, really.

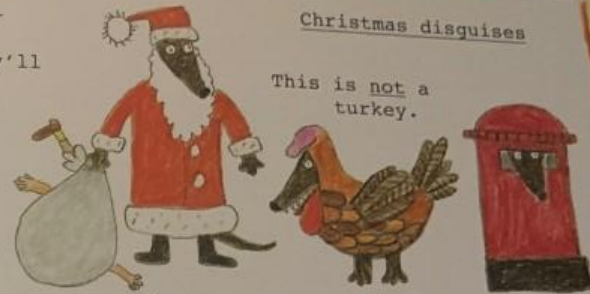
How to catch him out

He can't resist telling you the time.



This is not the ugly duckling - well, not the duckling, anyway!

Christmas disguises



This is not a turkey.

This is not Father Christmas.

Don't post your cards here.

A Wolf in sheep's clothing



Useful Tips

- 1) Avoid the woods, straw houses and the company of little pigs.
- 2) Stick to the path.
- 3) Above all: GET YOUR GRANDMA TO VISIT YOU!

Don't be taken in (and we mean in!). Keep the wolf from the door, the window and out of the chimney.

Hiding Places



'Pussy in the well'



'Jack in the box'



'Man in the Moon' They'll get anywhere!



Don't be fooled

For Mr Wolf
A cheeky Xmas
from
You-Know-Who
and her Grandma!*



*She typed it



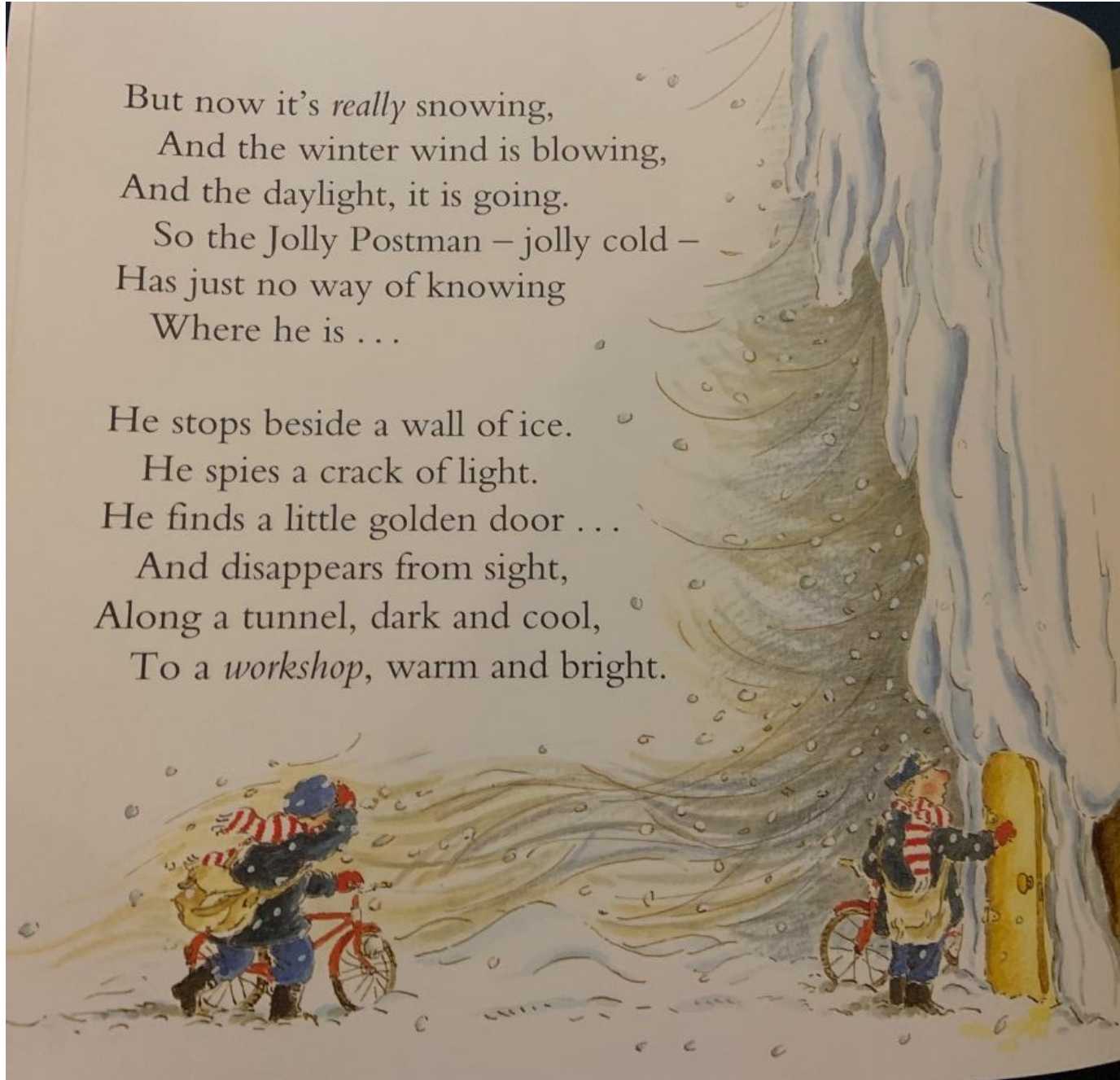
But all's well and all's merry;
The Wolf's just wolfing pies and sherry,
And playing games in his cosy den
(‘What’s the time, Mr Wolf?’)
With the three little pigs
And the little red hen.

After all, it *is* Christmas.



But now it's *really* snowing,
And the winter wind is blowing,
And the daylight, it is going.
So the Jolly Postman – jolly cold –
Has just no way of knowing
Where he is . . .

He stops beside a wall of ice.
He spies a crack of light.
He finds a little golden door . . .
And disappears from sight,
Along a tunnel, dark and cool,
To a *workshop*, warm and bright.



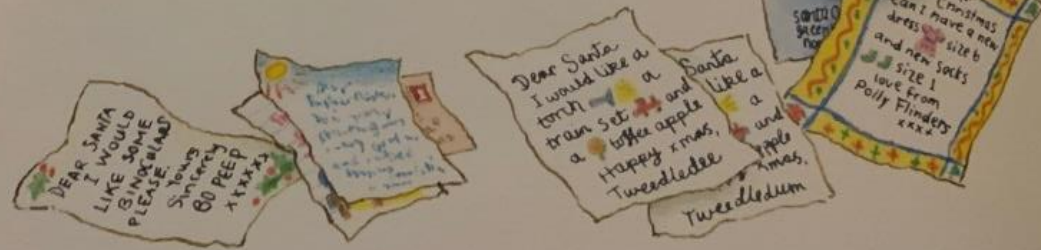


1 DECEMBER 1988

Agnes	5	10	19	26	
Anna	5	13	20	27	
Andreas	7	14	21	28	
Carlotta	4	8	15	22	29
Christina	2	9	16	23	30
Emma	3	10	17	24	31
Lucas	4	11	18		



A cup of tea with Santa,
And Mrs Santa, too.
'Got any *children's* letters?'
The Postman smiles, 'A few!'
'Well, fancy that,' says Santa.
'Now – we've got one for you!'



DEAR SANTA
I WOULD LIKE
LIKE SOME
PLEASE
Sincerely
GO PEEP
XXXXX

Dear Santa
I would like a
train set and
a lorry apple
Happy xmas,
Tweedledum
and
Apple
Xmas.

Dear Santa
I would like a
train set and
a lorry apple
Happy xmas,
Tweedledum
and
Apple
Xmas.

Dear Santa
Please bring
18 Dolls
150 Footballs
3000 Jelly babies
P.T.O.

TO SANTA
Father Christmas
THE NORTH POLE

Dear Santa
I would like
a train set
and a lorry
apple
Happy xmas,
Tweedledum
and
Apple
Xmas.

Dear Santa
I would like
a train set
and a lorry
apple
Happy xmas,
Tweedledum
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For our
good old pal
The Postman



A lovely pop-up card for the Jolly Postman





A peep-show for a postman.
The Postman peeps inside.
A postman's round completed:
'It's time to take a ride!'
But how to make the journey?
The drifts are deep and wide.



To avoid the snow
(Ho, ho, ho!)







Activity Ideas

- Goldilocks and her sister send a Christmas card to Baby Bear and his brother, you could make a Christmas Card for your grownups.
- Who gets a board game as a gift? You could print out the game board and have a go! Or design your own board game! Or play a game you have in the house with your grownups or siblings! My favourite is Monopoly!
- One of the letters delivered by the Postman was a guide to spotting the Big Bad Wolf, what do you see in it? Can you draw a poster that is a guide to spotting Santa?