

# King's Theatre bring in festive fun at the Sick Kids



Sick Kids Hospital. Photos of Panto Presents team, dropping off the 'Panto Presents' play packs and cow bench at the Sick Kids hospital.

The King's Theatre is working with the Arts Programme at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, to deliver the first official year of "Panto Presents".

The event is run by the charity Sick Kids Friends Foundation.

The project made a successful start last Christmas, and will bring the magic of pantomime to children and families in the hospital over the festive period.

The event will involve artists and staff from the Learning & Participation team at the King's, along with the stars from the King's panto, who will visit children at Sick Kids Hospital. They will play games, create a giant beanstalk around the main staircase of the hospital, put on performances and give out tickets to this year's panto "Jack and the Beanstalk" to the children and their families.

As part of the 'Panto Presents' project, the team of artists, staff and technical crew from the King's Theatre will support the staff in the hospital to create their own pantomime when they move to their new home at Little France in 2018.

The intention of the project is that the staff of the hospital will have learned the skills and gained the confidence to present their own annual pantomime for the children of Sick Kids Hospital.

Fiona O'Sullivan, Arts Programme Manager at the Sick Kids

Friends Foundation, said: "We're really looking forward to the workshops, storytelling, beanstalk building, and of course the cast visit planned for the coming weeks by the Festival Theatre and I know these experiences will bring lots of Christmas cheer to the hospital."

"This is just one of the many activities we provide throughout the year to ensure children and young people's lives are less interrupted by illness; they are less scared of hospital and have a more positive experience."

The King's Theatre Edinburgh pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, runs Saturday 26 November 2016 – Sunday 15 January 2017.

For more information [click here](#).

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