



LOOK HO IT IS! Vince Vaughn gets merry with the elves in *Fred Claus*, which stars Jordan Hull, nine, as young Fred, pictured here with his brother Joseph, five, and their tickets to the festive film Picture: Pat Timmons ID: 5909525

Jordan gets his Claus into film

AN EIGHT-year-old boy has made his first steps to film stardom in a Hollywood Christmas movie.

Jordan Hull from Bournemouth appears in *Fred Claus* alongside stars like Rachel Weisz and Kevin Spacey.

He plays the child version of Santa Claus' bitter, older brother – the adult version is played by Vince Vaughn, star of *Dodgeball* and *Starsky & Hutch*.

"It was fantastic, he thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon shooting at Pinewood studios" said Jordan's dad, Chris, 40, a social worker from Muscliff.

"He loved being driven around in a little buggy and he had his own dressing room, which was great.

"He was fascinated by what the

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director was doing and he enjoyed looking through the scripts – he knew everyone's part, not just his own."

Jordan got the role through the agents representing his drama school, Swish of a Curtain. He goes to the Winton branch.

It's his first film, though he appeared as Toby in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* in Southampton and he will play the mayor in *The Wizard of Oz* at the Regent Centre, Christchurch.

Jordan said being on stage and playing another character makes him "really happy".

"I would like to do adventure movies," he said.

And Jordan was looking forward to the film's preview on Leicester Square and seeing his film father again, actor Trevor Peacock – best known as the Vicar of Dibley's Jim "No, no, no, no... yes" Trott.

Dad Chris, who lives with wife Julie, 35, a deputy clinical leader at Christchurch Hospital, said Jordan's big brown eyes and ability to show a vulnerable side had helped him win parts.

He said: "We just feel very proud of him. It's his choice.

"If he wanted to pack it in tomorrow we might be a little bit disappointed, but we feel that as long as he enjoys what he is doing, that is all that matters."