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Snow Closures

The other side to snowballs, sledging and days off school is a lot of disruption and inconvenience!

The default position is (of course) we do everything possible to open the school. Schools make a decision to open or close by 7am and communicate this to the Local Authority. **They** then communicate this to the local media (they have since acknowledged some problems with this!)

The most reliable place to check has been **BBC Radio Bristol** and their website.

I also update the school website but can only do this from school, so this was not possible last Thursday when the Local Authority had made a decision on Wednesday to shut all schools. Even on the days when we couldn't open, all staff made a lot of effort to get in (2 hr journeys, abandoned cars...) and Mr Kelly was in at 6am clearing paths!

Dates for your Diary

Jan 26 3.30 → Meet Literacy teacher-
Jan 28 3.30 → Meet Numeracy teacher
Feb 12 Last day of Term 3
Feb 22 Term 4 starts.
March 31 Easter Service TBC
March 31 Last day of Term 4
April 19 First day of Term 5

Christ Church Infants and Juniors

School term and INSET dates for next school year (**2010-2011**) have been put on the website.

Maths lesson in the snow!



Ali Baba Homework Have a **discussion** with your child!

1. How did 5 actors play 40 thieves? Did it work?
2. What other examples were there where the audience had to IMAGINE something was happening?
3. How many different things were the suitcases used for?
4. Describe: the sewing up, the cave of treasure and the Captain of the Thieves.
5. Sketch (or re-enact) a scene from the play with speech (bubbles) as close to the play as you can remember.

Children-led worship

Some years ago we were encouraged by the Church Inspectors to both open our assemblies to parents and to enable children to play a greater role in our acts of worship.

In past years we have timetabled a yearly class-led Assembly and invited parents to attend. These 'drifted' somewhat from the original intention and become rather large scale opportunities for all children in the class to do something (often to share areas of learning) and for parents to watch, knowing that their child would be taking some part.

Last year and again this year children led assemblies will be short 10-15 min acts of worship/reflection (involving perhaps a thought, prayer, reading, drama, hymn) which will not necessarily involve all children from the class.

ALL Parents are warmly invited to join us.

Thursdays 3.00pm in the hall

Jan 21 Class 3GE
Jan 28 Class 3MM
Feb 4 Class 3/4LP
Feb 11 Class 5MB

(The rest of the classes will be in term 4)