



PARENTS' NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2011

Bus times – apologies if you have been caught out recently by buses arriving earlier than expected. I had contacted Devon Transport re amending the children's transport timetables, anticipating a change for September and they completely surprised me by making immediate changes. They thought I had already contacted you about this, but I only gave you all a gentle reminder about having your children ready in the previous newsletter. Transport have assured me they are sending out letters to you all with new timings shortly, but in the meantime, could you please ensure your child is ready fifteen minutes earlier than usual, or liaise with your child's school escort to establish accurate timings. Please let me know if you are having any difficulties with these new times. We appreciate the efforts of the Transport team, particularly drivers and escorts, as this means the children are all arriving in school ready for our first morning lesson.

Monthly Planners are attached for June and July.

Classes have been very busy taking part in interesting and varied class trips. Children have been pony cart riding, sailing, spending a fun day at Teignmouth Pier and visiting the Donkey Sanctuary.

Targeted Curriculum – our trial curriculum has been progressing well, this term. We are still making changes to the groups and activities but hope to have clearer details of each child's activities over an academic year from September, 2011. Our main aim is to target the curriculum for each child so they

have more time to spend on activities which are meaningful for them, such as sensory skills, dressing and undressing, powered wheelchair driving, walking, writing etc. The list of activities and skills is long and includes class based learning, independent living skills and physiotherapy development. I hope that once you have seen the suggested timetable for the academic year for your child, you will agree that he or she will be receiving a truly targeted and personalised curriculum, according to their needs. Feedback from parents will always be welcome.

School Uniform – Beverley will shortly be placing an order for school uniform so if you would like to order any items please let her know as soon as possible.

Summer dates:

Thursday 16th June – Honeylands Centre Opening Party & Vbranch House 50th Year Celebration

w/c Monday 27th June – reports home to parents

Wednesday 29th June – Governors meeting

Monday 4th July – Parents evening – a separate letter regarding this will be sent home soon

Friday 15th July – Sports Day

Friday 22nd July – Achievement Awards

Please complete the reply slip attached to let us know whether or not you are coming to the Sports Day and Achievement Awards.

The school closes for the Summer Holidays on Friday 22nd July 2011 and reopens to the children on Wednesday 7th September as 5th and 6th are staff training days.

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9th June 2011

REPLY SLIP

Child's Name.....

I/We will be coming to Sports Day on the 15th July, there will be(number of people).

I/We will not be coming to Sports Day

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I/We will be coming to the Achievements Awards on the 22nd July, there will be (number of people).

I/We will not be coming to the Achievements Awards

Signed

Please print your name here