

# School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This week, children's Mental Health Week has seen a variety of learning but with a real focus on empowering and equipping our children to have a voice. How can we speak up? How can we use our voice for great things? Sometimes we can't control what is happening around us, or disagreements we've had however, we can share our thoughts and feelings and learn how to have a voice whilst respecting everyone. This half term has been a busy one, and one we have enjoyed looking back on as a team, noticing the progress the children are making across the curriculum and how confident they feel when tackling new things. We are always celebrating learning in school with the children, and this week I had the opportunity to visit another WeST school and share some of the children's learning outcomes which made me feel incredibly proud. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the amazing team we have here at Holbeton and to our school community for your support this term.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term,

Mrs Honywill  
Headteacher



# Diary Dates

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## Spring Term 4

19.2.24	Non pupil day
7.3.24	World Book Day (Dress up) Details to follow
11.3.24 and 13.3.24	Parent's Evening Appointments
25.3.24	Cricket Workshop – all classes (PE kits) Details to follow
28.3.24	Easter Service at the Church (TBC)

Teachers are planning upcoming trips. Details will be sent separately.

## Forest School

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Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 1, 2, 3
<b>Wednesday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 1, 2, 3

Thank you to everyone who has signed up as a parent volunteer.





# Dress To Express



# Big Green Hike



As you may have heard from the children already, parents Gemma and Jonny came in to assembly to discuss The Big Green Hike. On 7th April 2024, families from school will be taking part in a fundraising walk to raise money for a nature charity. The kids were given some options of the charity they wanted to raise money for and they chose Rewilding Britain. Our goal is to raise £1,000 between us to support their vital conservation work.

The beauty of this challenge is that you can set the distance that will be right for your family. To make it a community event we have chosen 3 routes, all starting and finishing in the centre of Holbeton - a 1.5km route, a 6km route and an impressive 12km route! (If none of these quite work for your kids we can create another distance if necessary). Please note this is not an officially supported event with marshalls and first aid points etc, so everyone needs to be in charge of their family, but we have been given permission by the Flete estate to use these routes on their land so it should make for beautiful and peaceful walking!!!

If you are interested in joining the Big Green Hike on the 7 April and would like to walk on the routes mentioned as a group then please let us know here - [forms.app: Online Form Builder | Free Online Survey Tool](#)

Here is the link to the fundraising page - we hope everyone will get creative in raising money and we will share some ideas with you. [Holbeton Primary School Big Green Hike for Rewilding Britain](#) Even if you are not able to take part on the 7th April you can still do your own walk to raise money.

If you have any questions please message Meg (07775876667)



# School Governance

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Here is a message from our school HAB chair, Esther Gerlack.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As you may be aware, school governance at WeST changed in the last year, and our school is now part of a six-school hub supported by a Hub Advisory Board (HAB) – you can find out more [here](#). We work in a similar way to the previous Local Governing Bodies, getting to know our schools and representing our school communities to the Trust Board just like school governors used to do.

My name is Esther Gerlach, and I am currently chairing our HAB. Over the past twelve months, our role and responsibilities have been changing to strengthen local governance within the Trust. We are finding our feet, but to really have an impact, we need more people on board. HABs are currently quite small, so we are on the lookout for new members to join us as we move forward with this new model of governance.

Many of you are already doing all you can to support our school, but if you think governance sounds like something you might be interested in, we would love to hear from you. All that's needed is to care about our schools, their staff and, most importantly, our children and young people. You will be looking at all six hub schools, and your input will help shape the experience of children across WeST. If you have additional skills, perhaps from working in the social or education sectors, that would be helpful but it's not a requirement.

Nor do HAB members necessarily need to have a child in school at the moment: if this description fits your retired neighbour, a colleague, your Auntie, or a friend living in the area, they could quite possibly make an excellent member of [our team](#)! Please help us spread the word so we can ensure Holbeton Primary School and our family of schools can continue to thrive and meet the needs of our local communities.

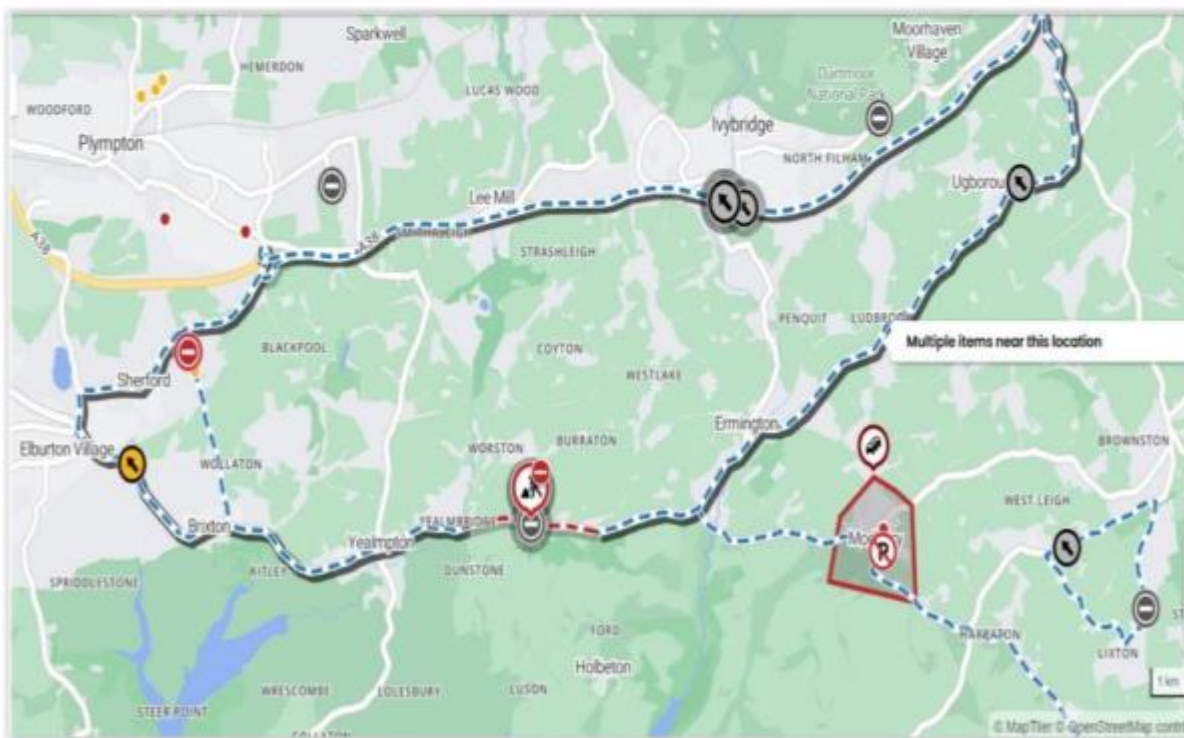
Please contact me via the school to find out more; I look forward to hearing from you.



# Roadworks 1

A379 East of Yealmpton will be closed Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March 2024 for extensive patching and some related ancillary works where appropriate : responsibility Devon Highways.

<https://www.newtonandnoss-pc.gov.uk/2024/01/a379-east-of-yealmpton-closed-monday-22nd-february-to-friday-1st-march-2024/>



# Roadworks 2

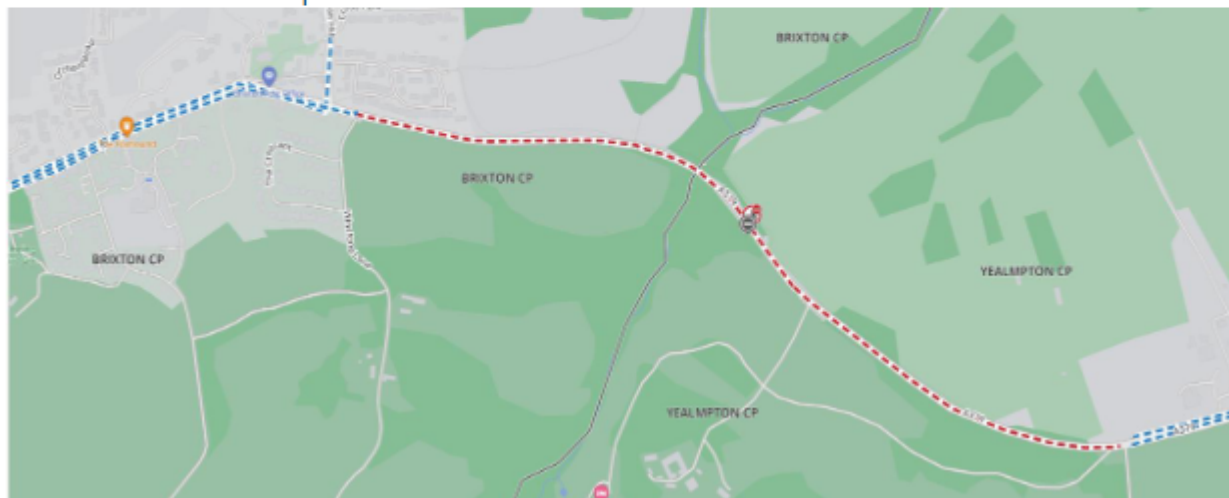
Our planned programme for the delivery of the work is:

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**
- Extensive patching on the A379 between Red Lion Hill junction in Brixton to Underhay junction (Puslinch) and some related ancillary works where appropriate.

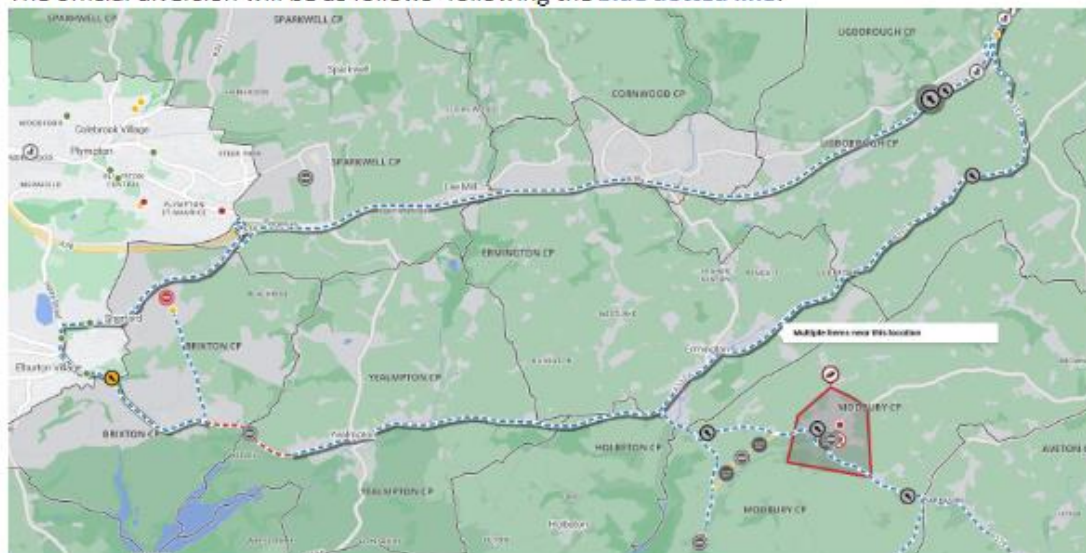
Please note- when the road is closed, **Public Transport Buses will be allowed access through the site at a maximum speed of 5mph, although delays must be expected accordingly. Access will also be maintained for emergency vehicles.**

There are plans to move towards **convoy working towards the end of the works, but timings depend on works needed therefore no time scale can be given at this point.**

Please see the below map for the extent of the road closure.



The official diversion will be as follows- following the **blue dotted line**.



Please note, some important information, in that **Red Lion Hill in Brixton village remains closed** due to the construction of Sherford Town, and we would urge that all traffic remains on the A379 into Elburton and follows the diversion route back towards the A38. Whilst drivers with local knowledge may use local roads, **Devon County Council will not be promoting them prior or during the road closure** and we ask that all drivers use and follow the official diversion route.

Daily information will be posted on our Devon Alerts social media and can be found here



<https://www.facebook.com/DevonAlert>

# Music Tuition

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15 MINS	£7.50
20 MINS	£10.00
30 MINS	£15.00

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# Tennis



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in Noss Mayo**

5 – 8 yrs Fun & Games	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10 - 11:30am
9 – 11 yrs Fun & Games	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11:30 - 1pm
12 – 16 yrs Drill, Games, Matchplay Practice	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3 – 4:30pm
Adult Cardio Tennis	Wednesdays	10 - 11am
Adult Cardio Tennis	Fridays	11 – 12pm

**To book go to [clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennistolove](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/tennistolove)**  
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