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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read the latest update below.

World Book Day

Thank you for your support of World Book Day this week, and coping with the annual pressures of helping the children to dress up. Thanks also to those who were able to come in to join in with Rock Up And Read at the end of the afternoon. The children seemed to enjoy the day and there was lots of excitement across the school as well as a real celebration of reading.

Parents' Evenings

This week we have held parents' evening consultations for most classes. Thank you for your support of your child and the school by booking and attending an appointment to keep you updated with their progress in school.

New Baby

I am delighted to share that Mr Dobson's first child was born at the start of this week. The little boy is doing well and Mr Dobson is expected to be on paternity leave until the end of next week before he returns to Mallards.

Crossing Patrols

I know some of you are aware that the Crossing Patrol (lollipop man) on Avenue Road has been absent this week due to a badly bruised foot. Unfortunately, Jason has decided to leave his position so the Council are now looking for a replacement. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let us know and we can direct them to the relevant person within Torbay Council.

As Jackie (Crossing Patrol on Old Mill Road) is still recovering from knee surgery, it means we have nobody currently available to cross children and families over the road. We wish Jason well and we look forward to welcoming Jackie back in early May.

In the meantime, please take care and please encourage your children to take great care when crossing the roads and remember there is a traffic light-controlled pedestrian crossing at the junction of Old Mill Road and Avenue Road.

School Communication

We do our best to communicate key dates and information via a variety of means. Although some of you only saw the World Book Day reminder letter sent out earlier this week, the original letter was emailed home in the first half of February and we also share key reminders and events via Facebook and Arbor. In addition to the chalkboard as you enter on Avenue

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Road, the school website is also kept up-to-date so letters, dates and other key information can also be found there too. I have highlighted a few other useful dates for the rest of this term below.

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief Charity Day – children to wear red and/or have crazy hair (School Council suggestion!) in exchange for a donation to charity.

Wednesday 1st April

School Disco (more information to be shared nearer the time)

EYFS/Year 1/Year 2: 3.30-4.15pm

Year 3/Year 4: 4.30-5.15pm

Year 5/Year 6: 5.30-6.15pm

Thursday 2nd April

Easter competition judging (more information to be shared nearer the time)

Easter egg hunt

Last day of term

Monday 20th April

Start of summer term

Thanks and best wishes,

Mr Swainson

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