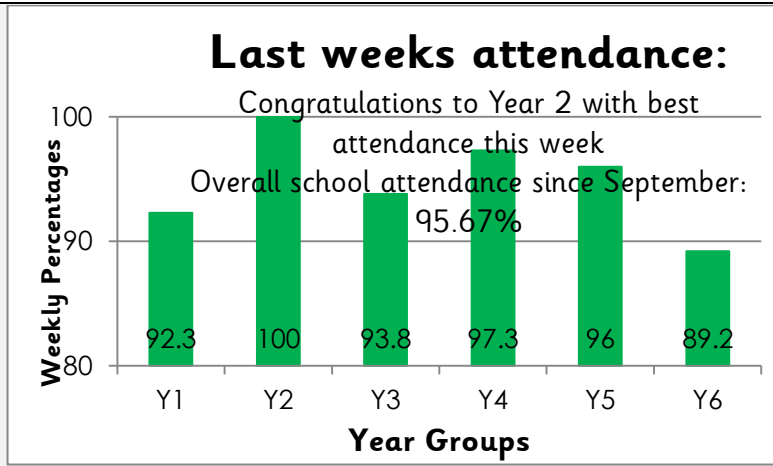




Ashburnham Community School

Key Dates

5 th January	Reception to Year Six back to school
6 th January	Nursery back to school
18 th January	Year One to Four Peacock Theatre
19 th January	Numeracy workshop 2:45
21 st January	Reception trip to the science museum
22 nd January	Speech & Language coffee morning at 9am



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Message from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools

We received a letter from Nick Gibb MP this week, congratulating us on being in the **100 top performing schools** based on sustained improvement in attainment at level 4 or above in reading, writing and mathematics each year from 2012 to 2015. What wonderful news for the end of term! Well done to all the teachers, support staff and children for working so hard to achieve such outstanding results!

Science Learners Award



This week, a child from every year group was chosen as an **outstanding candidate** to receive the **Science Learners Award**. These children were recognised for asking brilliant questions and making interesting observations about their learning. The children that won were: Stefan (Y1), Zayn (Y2), Skye (Y3), Mizuto (Y4), Nabil (Y5) and Mohamed Ali (Y6). Congratulations to these children!

Science Competition!

This week was special because **Tim Peake** became the first British astronaut in 25 years to go into space. He will be working at the International Space Station for 6 months working on a mission. There is very little gravity in space so doing normal activities like eating breakfast is very difficult.

Your mission over the break: Design an invention for Tim Peake to use at the International Space Station.

Plastic bottle tops

Please remember to collect your **plastic bottle tops** over the break and bring them in! We have filled a whole sweet jar in just 2 weeks! Remember the 3Rs: **Reduce, Recycle and Reuse!**

Reception places for September 2016

The application for **Reception class** places needs to be completed by **15th January 2016**. We have had a great deal of interest in Reception places from new families so it is crucial you fill in the online form ASAP so you don't miss out on a place. Miss Morgan is available to support you in completing the application if you would like assistance.

Parent showcases



This week parents were invited into classrooms to enjoy and share the **excellent learning** and **creative work** that the children had achieved over the term. It was wonderful that so many parents attended. We will see you again for the next one!

Community Time project in Years One and Two



As part of their Community Time project, Years One and Two wrapped up and sent art sets to the Chelsea community hospital school. These sets will be enjoyed by children in need. Thanks to Years One and Two for your kind gesture.

Goodbye Miss Taylor



We said an emotional goodbye to the wonderful Miss Taylor today. Miss Taylor is going to work as a Deputy Head in a school in Surbiton. While we are excited for Miss Taylor's promotion, we will miss her dearly as she has been a part of the heart and soul of the school.

Stars of the Term

Miss Wittleton – Alicia, Ms Chu – Yasmeen, Miss Douglas – Tasnim, Miss de Menton – Azhar, Mr Acharya – Mohammed B, Mr East – Aryana, Miss Taylor – Ana, Mrs Stokes – Zaina, Miss Formosa – Waad, Mr Garcia – Boubaccar, Miss Webster – Omar, Miss Blackshaw – Abed, Head and Deputy Boys – Zainab, Head and Deputy Girls – Roba and Niba.