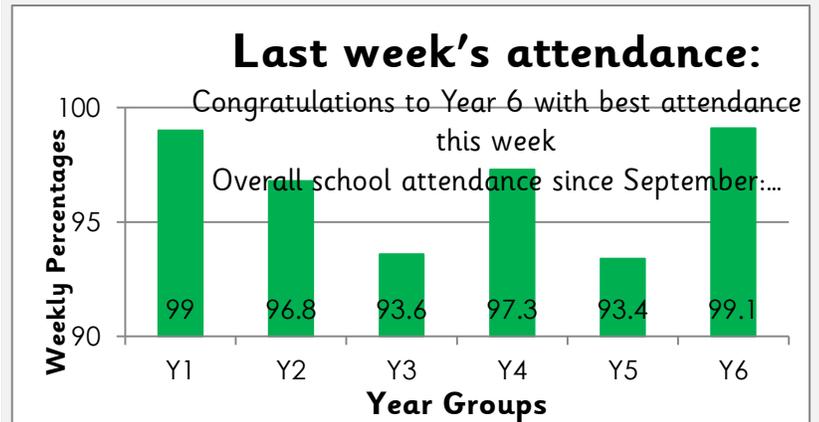




Ashburnham Community School

Key Dates

12 April	Year 5 trip to Royal Court Theatre
13 April	Some chn from Year 4 to Stamford Bridge
15 April	Mr Heawood in for Yr 5 career talk
20 April	Yr 5 trip to Holland Park for sports festival Book club from 3:45 – 5:00 for years 4, 5 & 6
22 April	Charity parents and teachers netball match
29 April	Federation poetry recital
2 May	Bank holiday Monday – school closed
4 May	Yr 4 for mini tennis festival
5 May	School closed for Polling Day



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Fox and Ashburnham Primary's are South of England Table Tennis Champions



For the second successive year, Fox Primary School Girls swept aside all opponents to be crowned South of England **Under 11 table tennis champions**. Two emphatic 8-0 victories and a slightly more competitive 6-2 win saw the Fox girls march imperiously into the National team finals, an event they won last year, to be held at Hinckley in Leicestershire next month. But there was one important difference to last season. This time around Fox were accompanied by their Federation partners, Ashburnham Primary, whose boys' team comfortably reached the national finals by the very same winning margins. It was a great day for this new primary school Federation, which can now realistically claim to be the leading force in English primary school table tennis.

The Fox Girls' team, consisting of Rose, Valentina, Nadia, Louise and Colette showed a remarkably mature approach to the stresses and strains of the tournament, and when things did get a little tense, managed to quickly move up a gear to overwhelm their opponents. The Pilgrim School from Kent, The Chalfont St Peters CE Academy from Buckinghamshire and the Park School from Dorset all eventually succumbed to the skill and resilience of last year's gold medallists. It will be a good team that stops the Fox girls retaining their title at the national finals.

The Ashburnham performance was perhaps that much remarkable given that the school is relatively new to table tennis. Last year, their first real year of competition, saw them knocked out by the Fox Boys' team at the

Central London qualification stage. This year, fortunes were to be reversed. Fox were comfortably beaten by their Ashburnham neighbours. And then, by the narrowest of margins, Ashburnham triumphed at the Jack Petchey All London Finals against Whitgift School on one of those cruel game count-back scenarios. There was to be no such nail-biting cliff-hanger at this weekends' South of England Championships. It seemed Harry, Abed, Boubacar and William were not in the mood to be taking prisoners. Two resounding 8-0 victories and a 6-2 win saw them comfortably into the National Finals for the first time. Are they good enough to be amongst the medal winners? Only time will tell, but what is certain is this team has a strong work ethic and is highly motivated for the next and final hurdle.

When interviewed at the end of the tournament, Federation coach, Jon Kaufman felt that both his teams, Fox Girls and Ashburnham Boys could realistically go all the way. A federation double? Now that would be a truly remarkable achievement.

Year Six Federation Cup



Ashburnham hosted the first Federation Cup for Year Six students last Thursday 17th of March. Thirty children from Fox Primary School came to Ashburnham for the afternoon to play an intra-house school teams competition in three different modalities: football, hockey and table tennis. The house teams with the best performance were **Whistler** and **Desert Fox**. Thanks to Mr Garcia for organising such a fun afternoon and well done to all of those who took part.

Book Club for Years Four, Five and Six

I am excited to announce that Mrs Caesar and Miss Mounstephen will be running book club after school on Wednesday 20th April from 3:45 until 5:00 for children in Years Four to Six. They will be reading *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman. Please sign up after Easter if you are interested. Parents are invited along too! Hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided.

Playground Update

Over the Easter break, the holes in the playground will be filled in and made more safe. This work was supposed to happen last half term but the weather was not suitable so fingers crossed they can get the work completed this break.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday; I hope the sunshine too!

Stars of the Term

Reception – Layla, Year One Anna, Year Two Rami, Year 3 Kelsey, Year 4 Liam, Year 5 Valentina, Year 6 Eddie, Miss Street Ahmed in Year 1, Mrs Dormar Azzedine, Mrs Kovacevic William, Mrs Casesar Yasin.