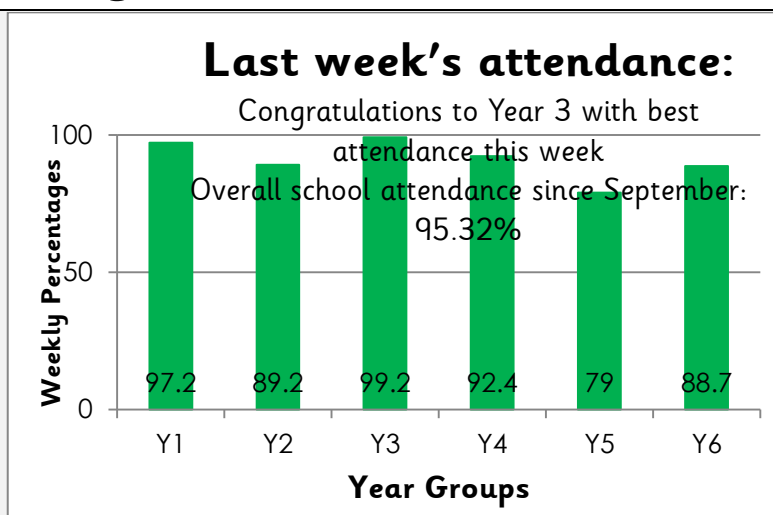




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Key Dates

29th Feb	YR and Y1 Waterstones Visit
1 st March	Author visit for Yr 4, 5 & 6 Phonics parents workshop – (2:45 – 3:30)
2 nd March	Supporting children at home – Numeracy workshop 2.45 – 3:30
3 rd March	Year 2- 6 Waterstones visit Reception visit to Holland Park Ecology Centre (9am – 2pm) Nursery Parent Stay and Play Morning (8.50-9.30)



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Staffing update

I am pleased to let you know that interviews for the **Head of School position** will take place this term on 8th March. As soon as an applicant is appointed, you will be informed and you will be invited in for a coffee morning to meet the new candidate in March. You will be notified of the date and time as soon as the date is fixed. Also, as you know, **Ms Chu** will be taking maternity leave from next Friday and I know you will join me in wishing her and her husband the best of luck. Ms Chu will return to Ashburnham in due course. I am delighted to inform you that **Mrs Caesar** has joined Ashburnham and she will be taking over Ms Chu's teaching responsibilities. Mrs Caesar has previously worked at Fox School so she brings a wealth of experience to the role. Ms Wittleton will be leading on Special Education Needs in the school during Ms Chu's absence.

Rhetoric Cup

A huge congratulations to **Mohamed Ali** in Year 6 for being Ashburnham's first ever **Rhetoric Cup winner!** His speech on why the legal age of buying sweets should be increased to 16 was compelling and full of persuasive devices. Mohamed spoke very clearly and with much authority. The judges, including Ashburnham's deputy chair of governors Jonathan Heawood, were blown away by all the finalists: Alicia, Isaac, Ayub and Abdourahmane from Year 4, Chanelle, Kashika, Mohamed, Grace and Danyell from Year 5 and Gabriel, Abed and Niba from Year 6. These children put in an exceptional amount of time and practise to their speeches, so we are very proud of them all. We are already looking forward to the next Rhetoric Cup and thanks to Ms Webster for organising such a fun event.

Sharing stories from your own culture

You will have received a letter this week about **Book Week**; the children are all very excited about the upcoming events! We would like to invite parents into school to share stories from different cultures, so

please see Miss Webster , Mr Derecki, the parent Goveonor, or your child's class teacher if this is something you'd like to do. Many thanks.

EYFS & KS1 phonics Parent Workshop – TRICKY WORDS

On **Tuesday 1st March** we will be holding an **EYFS & KS1 parent workshop** on Phonics. The work shop focuses on 'tricky words', so come along to find out how you can support your child. There will be **tea and cake** to enjoy during the workshop and the chance to win some resources at the end. So come along to the staffroom at 2:45 and be in for a chance to win!

Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark

After such hard work, we are really delighted to announce that our school has received the Youth Sport Trust Gold Mark! **What is the Quality Mark?** It is a nationally recognised kitemark for PE and school sport. The tool supports schools to audit their PE provision and identify priorities for their development plan.

The tool has been aligned to Ofsted guidance supporting the PE and Sport Premium and comprises a series of straightforward benchmarking statements, where you can select your level of provision in these areas:

- Overall vision for PE, physical activity and school sport
- Quality of PE
- Quality of school sport
- Quality of physical activity
- Use of PE, physical activity and sport as a catalyst for wider learning.

Because we have been outstanding in all this areas, we have achieved the maximum punctuation, achieving the Gold mark. Congratulations to all the staff and children for such a great team effort, and a special mention to the fabulous Mr. Garcia for leading on this project.

Ashburnham Easter Disco – Wednesday 16th March 4:30 – 6:30

Time to dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for the **Amazing DJ Dan!** As well as the fantastic disco we will have hot food, drinks, snacks, disco makeovers, a table-tennis room, and a best dressed Disco King/Queen competition. Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 7th March** both in the office and in the playground, and will cost just **£1.00 each**. Parents and Carers are very welcome to attend too, you can even get up and dance and embarrass your children!

Parents – we need volunteers to help run this event so please join me for a quick meeting on **Tuesday 1st March** in the restaurant at **9.00am** if you can spare a bit of time.

Many thanks Sue Harris (PTA lead)

Wear your own clothes

Thanks to all of you who donated money for the wear your own clothes day at the end of last term. **£101.16** was raised and the money will be spent on new books for our link school in Ghana.

Flash Point

On **Tuesday 1st March**, Flash Point will be **CLOSED** all day and night.

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Linda, Reception –Brandon, Year One –Abdulahi, Year Two –Amadea, Year Three –Yousif, Year Four –Adam, Year Five –Callum, Year Six – Samuel, Mr Garcia – Hajra Ms Kovacevic – Harry (Yr Rec) Ms Dormer – Eden,