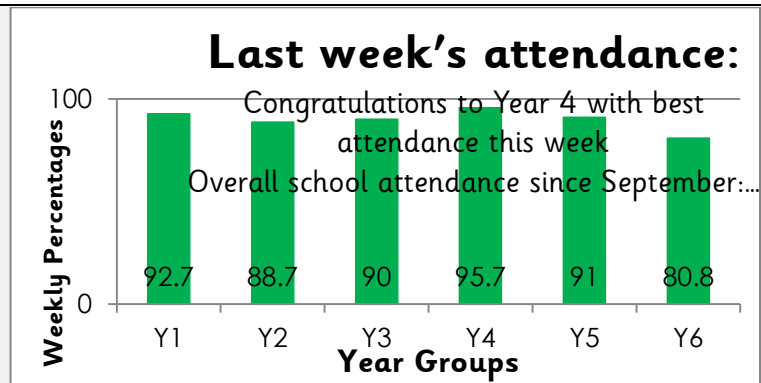




Ashburnham Community School

Key Dates

12 th January	3:15 – parents meeting about debate cup
18 th January	Year One to Four to 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
3 rd Feb	Yr 5/6 to athletics competition at Chelsea Academy



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It was so nice to welcome the children back to school on Tuesday. The children returned refreshed and with excellent attitudes. We have already been sharing New Year's resolutions and targets for the forthcoming term!

Big Local donation

We have been very lucky to receive a generous donation of £1500 from the **World's End and Lots Road Big Local charity**. Their donation means that we are able to run the homework club this term. We are enormously grateful to **Vanessa Kelly** for thinking of us and for supporting us; the children are already benefitting from the homework club. Thanks again!

Science Competition



Today we announced the winners of the **Science Competition**. The task was to design an invention that British Astronaut, Tim Peake, could use on the International Space Station for his mission. All designs were of excellent standard, all displaying features of non-fiction text: labels, diagrams, subheadings, and introductions (Ms. Webster was so proud!). In third place came Kelsey (Y3) with her invention: The Space Belt; second came Kate-Lyn (Y5) with the invention: The Spacesuit; and the winner was Ayub in Year 4 with his invention Space shower.

I'm sure Tim Peake would be impressed! Well done to all of the children that entered!

Healthy living

Mrs Kovacevic has booked the **smoothie bike** to come to our school on Tuesday 9th February. The company will bring the fruit and the bike and all the children need to do is peddle away and then a smoothie is produced! All children who take part get to taste and drink the smoothie they have created. This project is part of a Personal, Social, Health Education initiative, and the company will talk to the children about how to stay healthy and active.

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. We also still have some spaces for Nursery in September, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please ask them to come to the office to fill in an application form.

Eco Round Up!

We already have one whole sweet jar filled with plastic bottle lids! The lids will be recycled by the soap company **LUSH** to make new cosmetic pots. Please remember to save your lids and bring them to Mr. Acharya in Year 3.

After School Clubs



The **clubs** have started already and most of them are full. I am pleased that we have a few new clubs starting this term, including chess club which has been kindly paid for by Mr and Mrs Dubitzky. There are spaces on the following clubs: football, Arabic, French, musical theatre, Italian, ballet and table tennis.

Staffing update

I am pleased to let you know we have two new Teaching Assistants join us this term; Mr. Large in Year Three and Ms. Carroll in Year One. I am also delighted to let you know that Ms. Roberts will now be working four days a week and she will be taking over Ms. Taylor's groups. The student teachers have also come back to spend the rest of the academic year with us, so a welcome back to Ms Sivananthan in Reception, Ms van Vliet in Year Four, Ms Rohr in Year One, Ms Johns in Year Two.

Stars of the week

Year Four – Oscar, Year Five – Valentina, Year Three – Rahma, Year Two – Mariam, Year One – Isiah, Reception – Lily Anne, Mr Garcia – Anna, Miss Webster – Elion, Year Six – Roba, Mrs Dormar – Mohammed A