



TIM PEAKE'S COSMIC CLASSROOM – TIM PEAKE GIVES SCIENCE LESSONS FROM SPACE

# Newsletter



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## Early Bird

We had a very successful Early Bird Week, the children were very excited about meeting the Early Bird. Congratulations to our lucky winners: Y6- Saskia Daniels, Reception-Harrison Hodgson, and the parents of Evie Browning in Y4.



I would like to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance at school. Our school target is 97% we are currently on 96.7% So come on everybody, **We can do it!**



School success starts  
with attendance

We look forward to welcoming Miss Ovenell back next week after her injury. We would like to thank Mr Smith for looking after Y4.

## Scooters

We are still having complaints about children riding their scooters in the school grounds. A little one was knocked over last week. Please be careful! Once the children enter the school grounds they must get off the scooters and push them carefully.

## Year 5 Report



After learning all about space, the Y5s enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum. They watched a 3D movie called Legend of Apollo.

## Reception Class

A visit to the library was highlight of Reception class's week. What a lot of books to read! Our favorite was: Eat Your Peas.



## Taster Sessions

On these afternoons, Harrison's our school lunch providers will be in school providing taster sessions for parents. The Governors will also be available in school to introduce themselves.



## Parent Consultation Evenings

Monday 8/2/16  
Year 6 and Year 2  
Tuesday 9/2/16  
Year 3 and Year 5 and Reception  
Wednesday 10/2/16  
Year 1 and Nursery

## Website

Our Website is looking fantastic - a very big thank you to Ms Gage and Mr Ledward for all their hard work. Please scroll to the very bottom of the home page for some useful links to websites and games to help you and your children with **online safety**.

## Reporting Absence from School

You can now report your child's absence via our **NEW ABSENCE EMAIL**:  
[absence@orchard.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:absence@orchard.bexley.sch.uk)

**ONCE A WEEK  
TAKE A PEEK!  
Please check your child's hair  
for Head lice every week!**

**Holiday Dates**

School closes for half-term at 3.15pm on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, and the children return to school on Monday 22 February.

Spring Term 2 ends on 24<sup>th</sup> March and pupils return for Summer Term 1 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.