



I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year and welcome you back for the Spring Term. I am very proud to have been given the opportunity to lead the federation of Grove House and King's Park, after the promotion of Mrs. Charman. It is an exciting time for us all and I very much look forward to continuing the work across the federation with the support of all staff, children and yourselves. My role is to ensure your child/ren reach their full potential through a broad and balanced curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please contact the school and we will be only happy to assist you.



Mr. Mark Cuenca-Farrow

Acting Executive Headteacher



Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to respect our neighbours and park sensibly. For the safety of all the children, do not park on the zig-zag lines outside of school. Any cars stopped or parked on the zig zag lines can hide small children who are about to cross the road. The children may not see approaching cars, and approaching motorists may not see the children.

The Highway Code states: "You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings."

Things to bring to School

- * Water Bottle—no juice
- * Book Bag—with reading book/library book
- * Coat (hat and gloves if the weather is cold)

If you know someone who would like to look at our school, please get them to contact the office. We would love to hear from them

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their school uniform. Please ensure that they come to school in uniform every day.



PE

PE kit should be in school for your child's PE day. On these days children will need black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings, white t-shirt and trainers. They should also wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan.

Eco School

We are collecting plastic bottle lids to make a mural in our forest school area.

Please bring in milk bottle, water bottle or fizzy bottle tops to school.

Thank you



We will be taking part in various sporting events during the year. If your child is chosen to take part you will receive a message via Parent App requesting your consent.

4th March 2024 - YR1 & 2 Cricket Festival

2nd May 2024— YR2 Tri Golf Festival

14th June 2024— YR1 & 2 Athletics Festival



World Book Day—Friday 8th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March and we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

Staff Changes

Welcome

We would like to welcome Henry Latta and Alex Wicks who have joined Grove House.

Goodbye

We would like to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Brown from Year One at King's Park. Mrs Brown has worked at King's Park for many years and she will be missed.

Before School Club

Grove House and King's Park both run a before school club each morning. We charge £2.50 per session, payment must be made on Parent Pay. We ask that all accounts are kept up to date

Before School Club starts at 7.45am and children will be dropped off at their classrooms at 8.40am

Attendance

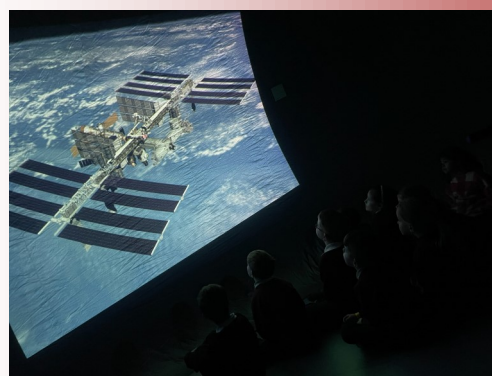
Every day at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.

As a school we monitor every child's attendance to ensure appropriate support can be offered where it is deemed necessary. We will contact parents if their child's attendance is below 92% and if no improvement is made we will invite you to a meeting to see what measures can be put in place to improve your child's attendance.

Year Two Planetarium Visit



We had to crawl into the dark tunnel to get inside the tent. Once we were in we looked at some big pictures of the planets, the international space centre and some cool photos of people who had been in space or visited the moon. We learnt about how the planets are all different, talked about space travel and also hopes for the future visiting the moon and hopefully Mars!



The tent then got even darker and we looked up to see the entire night sky. We spotted some of the constellations and watched as the stars moved across the night sky.

It was amazing!

Dates for your Diary

29th February	Reception—Vision, Hearing, Height & Weight
6th March	Class Photographs
8th March	World Book Day
26th March	End of Term Celebration Assembly 9am
26th March	Nursery Celebration Assembly 11.45am
26th March	Easter Disco
15th & 17th April	Parents Evenings

Attendance Year to Date

Nursery	89.2%
Reception	92.81%
Year One	94.36%
Year Two	94.48%

Term Dates

Half Term

School Closes—Friday 16th February

School Opens—Monday 26th February

Easter Holidays

School Closes—Wednesday 27th March

School Opens—Monday 15th April

Half Term

School Closes—Friday 24th May

School Opens—Monday 3rd June

Summer Holidays

School Closes—Friday 19th July