

# Garden Fields J.M.I School

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Growing Hearts and Minds

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## School Update: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to Garden Fields' Summer Term 2023. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been part of the Garden Fields community, as Teacher, Inclusion Coordinator, Deputy Head and parent for the last fourteen years and I am delighted to be supporting the school as Acting Headteacher over the next few months. I care deeply about each of our wonderful children and our dedicated staff team - I am determined that everyone in our school succeeds in a supportive environment routed in our values of respect, responsibility, compassion, cooperation, inclusivity and integrity.

We have got a packed term ahead with Yrs 4, 5 & 6 going on school journeys, SATs in Yrs 2 & 6, Multiplication checks in Yr 4, Phonics screening checks in Yr 1, Sports Days, Celebration Evenings and Yr 2 & Yr 6 performances amongst other events.

### Parent Consultations

Next week we are holding **Parent Consultations** and our staff are looking forward to meeting with you in person on Tuesday and virtually on Wednesday (and some Thursday). This is a great opportunity for us to work together for the best outcomes for your children, so please make sure that you have signed up for a timeslot.



### The King's Coronation at Garden Fields



#### *The Big Help Out*

During the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May, we will be taking part in **The Big Help Out**. The King has asked for volunteers to make a difference in one of 8 categories. We are volunteering in the Sustainability and Environment category and making a difference to the Garden Fields' site, field and wildlife area



## ***The Garden Fields' Big Lunch***

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the King's Coronation from lunchtime onwards with class-based activities and our version of the 'big lunch'.

Dress Code: Children are invited to come to school wearing red, white or blue party clothes.

We would like to mark the crowning of the King by inviting children to wear a crown or tiara. You can choose to make them, buy them or donate the equivalent amount of money to a charity supported by the King (Prince's Regeneration Trust, Prince's Trust, ShelterBox, Shooting Star Children's Hospice, to name but a few!).

### **Football**



The school's football teams continued to do fantastically well this week.

On Wednesday, the Year 5s convincingly qualified for the St Albans six-a-side competition finals, which take place tomorrow morning.

The previous day, two of those boys (and six Year 6s) represented St Albans City FC in the National league South Area Finals in Slough, having previously qualified from their South East regional final competition. The standard was incredibly high as these were some of the strongest schools in the South of England. The team qualified for the semi-finals in second place and then won their match against a Barnet team that had been their nemesis in the regional event. In the final, against a very good Dartford team, after hitting a post, they lost 2-0; it was a very close game. Had they won, they would then have played in the final of the whole competition at Wembley Stadium. To have gone as far as they did was an amazing achievement. Well done!

As ever, thank you for your support and for the trust you place in us - to care for and educate your child. Should you have any questions, concerns or things to celebrate, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Palmer  
**Acting Headteacher**

