

Spring 1: February 2018

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Lunchtime Supervisor

Part-time Permanent Position

A variety of sessions available per week, 1 ¼ hours per day,

Term-time only

Salary Range £15,115 - £15,807 (pro rata)

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring and reliable individuals to join our excellent team of lunchtime supervisors. You will be responsible for supervising children during their lunch break both inside and outside and for promoting positive behaviour through supporting play activities.

Guidance will be given on Health & Safety, First Aid and school policies and procedures.

In addition we are offering one extra session to work in classrooms alongside teachers with children in school. Whilst this is an excellent opportunity to further contribute to the life of the school, it is purely optional.

You are most welcome to make an appointment to visit our school to find out more. Further information including an application form, job description and person specification is available by request from Mrs Hansford in the school office.

(Please note the office is closed over half term and will re-open on Monday 26th February 2018)

**Please return the completed form to the
Head Teacher - Mrs J Gaughan**

Closing Date: Friday 9th March 2018

George Fentham Endowed School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced DBS check will be required for the successful applicant.

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Term Dates	
SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	<u>2017/2018</u>
Spring Term	Wed 3 January 2018 - Fri 16 February 2018
Half Term	Mon 19 February 2018 - Fri 23 February 2018
	Mon 26 February 2018 - Thur 29 March 2018
Summer Term	Mon 16 April 2018 - Fri 25 May 2018 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 7 May 2018</i>
Half Term	Mon 28 May 2018 - Fri 1 June 2018
	Mon 4 June 2018 - Tue 24 July 2018
	Remaining Inset Days 2017/18 : <i>Fri 16 Feb 2018 & Mon 4 June 2018</i>
	<u>2018/2019</u>
Autumn Term	Mon 3 September 2018 - Fri 26 October 2018
Half Term	<i>**Mon 29 October 2018 - Fri 2 November 2018**</i> <i><u>Please note this is a later date than originally published by Solihull MBC</u></i>
	Mon 5 November 2018 - Fri 21 December 2018
Spring Term	Mon 7 January 2019 - Fri 15 February 2019
Half Term	Mon 18 February 2019 - Fri 22 February 2019
	Mon 25 February 2019 - Fri 12 April 2019
Summer Term	Mon 29 April 2019 - Fri 24 May 2019 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 6 May 2019</i>
Half Term	Mon 27 May 2019 - Fri 31 May 2019
	Mon 3 June 2019 - Mon 22 July 2019
	Inset Days - To Be Advised

Dates for Diary Spring & Summer 2018

Mon 12 February pm	PTFA Pancake Disco
Wed 14 February am	Nursery - Playhouse Theatre Production
Thur 1 March	World Book Day
Thur 1 March	Year 6 visit to Memorial Arboretum
Mon 5 - Fri 9 March	Health Week
Mon 5 & Tue 6 March	Lifebus
Wed 7 March am	KS2 St John's Ambulance visit to school
Fri 9 March	Year 5 Rainforest Man visit
Mon 12 March	Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth Day
Tue 13 March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 14 March	Parent Consultation Evening
Thur 15 March	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney
Thur 15 March	Year 4 to visit Chedworth Roman Villa
Thur 15 March pm	Year 1 Dance Festival at Alderbrook School
Sat 17 March	PTFA Barn Dance

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Tue 20 March 4.00-5.30pm	Basketball League (3) at Alderbrook School
Fri 23 March am	NSPCC/Childline Assemblies and Workshops Years 1-6
Tue 17 April am	Reception Hearing Tests
Tue 17 April am	Year 4 Cricket coaching starts
Fri 20 April 10.30 to 12noon	Nursery Phonics Workshop
Mon 14 -Thur 17 May	KS2 Assessment Week
Tue 15 May	Year 5 Cricket coaching starts
Wed 23 May	Tempest Photography Class Photos
Wed 6 June	Y6 Tag Rugby Festival at Birmingham Exiles Rugby Club
Mon 18- Fri 22 June	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 18- Fri 22 June	Year 6 Residential at Condoover Hall
Wed 27 June	Year 4 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival
Thur 28 June	Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival
Mon 9 July am	Y6 Leavers Service at St Martins in the Bull Ring

Class Assemblies

Please see below for class assembly dates. On very rare occasions we may need to change dates but always do our best to give maximum notice and keep parents well informed.

Year	Date
Nursery	Mothering Sunday Assembly Friday 9 th March 2018 at 11.30am
Reception	Wednesday 4 th July 2018
1	Friday 27 th April 2018
2	Friday 15 th June 2018
3	Friday 11 th May 2018
4	Friday 25 th May 2018
5	Wednesday 21 st March 2018
6	Friday 20 th July 2018

Staffing Update

RETIREMENT: Mrs Pugh

As many of you will already know, Mrs Pugh is retiring this half term. She requested that a letter was not sent out prior to this date and that parents were informed through this newsletter as she wanted the minimum of fuss.

This week we have celebrated Mrs Pugh's twenty-one and a half years at George Fentham Endowed School and in Celebration Assembly children presented her with a beautiful card that all classes had contributed to.

Through Mrs Pugh's long association with the school she has touched the lives of so many of our children, using her many gifts and talents to inspire, motivate and support children of all ages. Her enthusiasm for the creative curriculum has been such an asset to the school and is truly irreplaceable. Our children have always looked forward to their lessons and enjoyed their learning with her. Mrs Pugh's curriculum knowledge and teaching skills have enabled children to achieve creatively in ways that enable them to be proud of their work. She values all effort and has enable children to achieve success even when they have found tasks challenging.

On behalf of the children, staff, parents and Governors we would like to thank Mrs Pugh for all that she has given and all that she has achieved at George Fentham Endowed School. We wish her a fantastic retirement and look forward to hearing about her many planned adventures!

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Mrs Mallin

Mrs Mallin will be joining our teaching team at George Fentham Endowed School from next half term. Mrs Mallin is an extremely experienced senior teacher who has worked in a variety of roles across a number of Solihull schools.

Initially she will be working 3 days per week to cover teachers' statutory "Planning, Preparation and Assessment" time (PPA):

Tuesday: Nursery and Year 2

Wednesday: Year 3

Friday: Year 4

Mrs Mallin has already spent time in school planning with teachers and meeting the classes to ensure a smooth transition. She has been extremely impressed by the behaviour of our children and their fantastic attitudes to their learning.

Announcing Baby Fraser Nicholson!

Mrs Nicholson would like you to meet Fraser Garth Frederick Nicholson born on 21/12/17.

Fraser is growing fast and smiling and laughing every day! They both look forward to visiting us soon.



A Message from the PTFA

This half term has been super busy for the PTFA, with the Pancake Disco, Matchbox Challenge and preparations for the Barn Dance (17th March at Fentham Hall). Tickets are now on sale <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barn-dance-2018-tickets-41998430436> and more information can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PTFAGeorgeFentham/>

Also, please look out for invites to join Classlist. This is an app which will allow the PTFA to communicate with parents without having to always send out letters in school bags.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair. The final profit was a fantastic **£2142.20.**

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Congratulations to our PTFA logo winner Annabelle (Y6), and our runners up Bea (Y2), Ben (Y4) and Sarah (Y6).



For any more information about the PTFA please email nfpickering@googlemail.com

Healthy Schools Award & Health Week 2018

We are delighted to announce that George Fentham has successfully renewed its Healthy Schools status, recognising our whole school commitment to promoting children's physical and emotional health and well-being. The introduction of 'Jigsaw' this year has greatly enhanced our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) provision and we look forward to starting a new unit 'Healthy Me' after half term. This coincides with our annual Health Week which will take place week commencing 5th March 2018. We have lots of exciting things planned during the week, including a visit to the 'Lifebus', fruit tuck shop, first aid training, Jigsaw sessions and squash taster sessions (KS2). Parents/carers are welcome to visit the Lifebus (located on the small playground) between 8.55am and 9.10am on Monday 5th March.

School and Sports Events

Nursery - Playhouse Theatre Production

Nursery children had a fabulous theatrical experience when the Playhouse Theatre Company visited school this month. The story 'By the Riverside', which was inspired by The Wind in the Willows, was brought to life in such an innovative and exciting way. The children were fully involved and absorbed in helping Ranger Ratcliffe to find a little lost otter. They later used their storytelling skills to make up new versions of their own.

YR Relax Kids

Class R experienced "Relax Kids" this term. The children enjoyed the sessions especially the massage part, where they learned how to calm down and relax by gently massaging their fingers. Reception also learnt about their "owl" brain which aids learning.

Year 4 Roman Tours Visitor to school

On Monday 5th February, Year 4 children were extremely excited to receive a visit from Lupus, a Roman Centurion. He was remarkably energetic for someone not far off his 2000th birthday and the class had a brilliantly informative and interactive day with him!

The children lapped up learning about Roman Britain in all its astonishing, and sometimes gory, detail and had the opportunity to handle some original artefacts as well as replicas of armoury and clothing. Ishaan deserves a special mention. Selected to be a young soldier, he was dressed up in heavy armour, carried a huge replica backpack and brandished weighty weaponry - Ishaan took it all in his stride and was complimented by Lupus, who was impressed by his resilience and strength!

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All in all, it was a really successful day. Mrs Chamberlain was, as always, proud of Year 4's exemplary behaviour and impressed by their thoughtful, insightful answers to the many questions posed by Lupus throughout his visit.

Y5 Young Voices Concert

Monday the 8th January, 2018 was a very exciting day for Class 5 as they travelled to the Genting Arena to take part in a Young Voices 2018 concert. It was the culmination of many weeks of hard work learning a wide variety of songs and dance moves committed to memory for a performance as part of one of Britain's largest primary school choirs - over 6,500 children in total. Being part of Young Voices provided the children with the opportunity to perform in one of the world's greatest arenas alongside talented artists, including jazz singer Natalie Williams and The M4gnets, learning music that was new to the them as well as music that the children were familiar with. It was a fabulous way to help the confidence and motivation of the children, to work as part of a wider community group and to bring families together through music. Mrs Kermode, Mrs Corfield and Mrs Kelly were so proud of the way that all children conducted themselves on the day, showing great enthusiasm for the occasion as well as care and friendship for each other. They were a real credit to their families and to the school. Well done to each and every one of you!

Y5 Indoor Athletics

Year 5 had a fabulous time at the Athletics Competition in North Solihull, with all children taking part in a variety of activities from a selection of track and field events, including relay races, long jumps, using the javelin, throwing and obstacle races. All children enjoyed themselves and supported each other in their individual events, with much cheering and waving. Despite being the youngest class, with the rest of the children being from Year 6, we came 5th out of 7 schools, with the children really using their BLP skills of collaboration, resilience and perseverance. Well done to all who took part!

Year 6 Ballet Visit: Cinderella

Year 6 enjoyed a memorable afternoon at Birmingham Hippodrome on Thursday 8th February 2018. They accompanied the seniors from the Hampton Lunch Club to watch Matthew Bourne's adaptation of Cinderella, set during the London Blitz in WW2. The children described it as "interesting, inspirational, amazing, magnificent." Another word heard several times was "wow!" Many thanks to the Fentham Trust for funding this visit.

KS2 Basketball League

Our basketball team played matches in round 2 of the inter school Basketball competition on 16th January. It was a pleasure to see how much progress our players have made in just a few weeks. Their dodging, weaving and marking skills have really improved and all the players are now playing more assertively. Despite very stiff opposition, our team managed to win some games and they should feel very proud of themselves, both for their perseverance and for their great sportsmanship on and off the court.

Spring 2 Clubs & Music Lessons

Day	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday	Guitar Lessons Keyboard Lessons 12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground	Football Club 3.20-4.20pm.

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Tuesday	Cello Lessons	3.20-4.20 KS2 Sports Club - Basketball & Tennis
Wednesday	12.45-1.15 KS1 Sports Club - Multi Sports Strings Lessons	3.20-4.45 Learning Curves
Thursday	12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground 12.45 - 1.15 Y1 & 2 Tri-golf	
Friday	12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground 12.45 - 1.15 KS2 Tri-golf	3.20-4.20 Y4,5 & 6 Netball Club

Medicines in School

May we remind you that a medicine permission form must be completed and discussed with a member of the office staff if your child requires any medicine during the school day. It is extremely important that all medicine has the prescription label clearly displayed on the medicine, stating your child's name, dose and frequency. If this information is displayed on packaging, we will need this packaging to be supplied. This arrangement will also apply for Calpol, therefore, if your child requires Calpol during the school day the bottle must have a prescription label with the above details.

Should you wish to discuss this in any further detail, please contact the school office.

School Meals - Outstanding Debt

Parents of children in KS2

Due to the flexibility of the ParentPay system allowing parents to choose which days they wish their child to have a school meal, it is important to keep your account in credit; reminders are generated daily for children who have no credit on their accounts. Please note that if a debt exceeds one week's school lunches of £10.25 (£2.05 per day) a hot meal cannot be provided until the debt is cleared and the account is in credit.

Please contact the school office if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Autumn Term 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 83 children who, in the autumn 2017 term, achieved 100% attendance at George Fentham School. The children were very proud to receive their certificates in Celebration Assembly.

Year	100% Attendees
R	12
1	14
2	14
3	9
4	9
5	13
6	11

Attendance and Requests for Leave of Absence

To support us to secure good attendance for all of our pupils and to address concerns regarding any child's poor school attendance and punctuality, we are continuing to work with Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS). Each half term attendance registers are

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rigorously scrutinised to identify any attendance issues. This includes children falling below 95% attendance, children who are below 90% attendance and therefore at risk of becoming persistent absentees, children with any unauthorised absence and any punctuality concerns.

Your child may be referred to a CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer if their attendance and punctuality is causing concern. They will then contact you by phone, letter or home visit to discuss the school's concerns and how attendance and punctuality can be improved.

Please note, in line with the Local Authority Solihull Attendance Policy, Head Teachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence in **very exceptional circumstances** and where the application has been made **two weeks in advance**. This does not include family holidays. Should you require any further information, or wish to discuss a leave of absence request please contact the school office.

Medical, Dental & Optician Appointments

Following advice from CSAWS, we would like to ask for your support in organising medical, dental and optician appointments outside of the school day. Please note if there is no alternative, you may be asked to show a copy of your appointment letter or card to the school office.

The Great Daffodil Appeal 2018

After half-term we will be selling daffodils on behalf of Marie Curie. This is a charity close to our hearts at George Fentham School, Marie Curie provide nurses who give care & support for people with a terminal illness. The daffodils are sold with a pin and a plastic securer, they will be on sale at the School Office and in the Nursery. A minimum donation of 50p is requested. Thank you for your support.

Request to Parents for Lego

We would be grateful of any donations of **good quality Lego** that you no longer require at home. Lego can be used in school for a number of purposes; design and technology work, social skills teaching, wet play and golden time activities, to name but a few. Please send any donations into the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Nursery Car Parking

Car parking outside school continues to be an issue. We have a small group of parents who continue to use the Nursery car park even though they do not have a Nursery child in school. ***We continue to be extremely frustrated that these few parents are putting the safety of our youngest pupils at risk and ask them to think about this when parking or driving through the Nursery car park in the mornings.*** Whilst we completely understand that parking is difficult, we would remind you that parents can use the car park at Fentham Hall, only a short walk away from school. This issue has, again, been discussed by Governors and the Parish Council.

And finally.....

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Monday 26th February 2018.**

Mrs J Gaughan
Head Teacher