

**GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 1 SPRING 2019**

Spring 1: February 2019

Term Dates	
SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	<u>2018/2019</u>
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
	Remaining Inset Days 2018/19 Fri 15 February 2019, Fri 12 April 2019, Monday 22 July 2019
	<u>2019/2020</u>
Autumn Term	Mon 2 September 2019 - Fri 25 October 2019
Half Term	Mon 28 October 2019 - Fri 1 November 2019
	Mon 4 November - Fri 20 December 2019
Spring Term	Mon 6 January 2020 - Fri 14 February 2020
Half Term	Mon 17 February 2020 - Fri 21 February 2020
	Mon 24 February 2020 - Fri 3 April 2020
Summer Term	Mon 20 April 2020 - Fri 22 May 2020 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 4 May 2020</i>
Half Term	Mon 25 May 2020 - Fri 29 May 2020
	Mon 1 June 2020 - Mon 20 July 2020
	Inset Days to be advised

Dates for Diary

2019

Mon 11 February am	Year 6 Bollywood Dance
Mon 11 February	PTFA Discos
Wed 13 February	Year 3 visit to Synagogue
Thur 28 February am	Reception Vision Screening
Fri 1 March	Secondary 2019 Offer Day
Mon 4 - Fri 8 March	Health Week
Mon 4 - Tue 5 March	Lifebus at School
Fri 8 March am	Nursery: Playhouse Theatre
Fri 8 March	Year 5 to Carmina Burana Concert- Warwick Arts Centre
Mon 11 March	Flying the Flag for the Commonwealth Day
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day
Mon 18 - Fri 22 March	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 18 March	Year 4 trip to Emma Bridgewater Factory
Thur 28 March	Year 5 Rainforest Roadshow

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Fri 29 March am	Nursery Mother's Day Celebration
Thur 4 April	Year 3 Geography Field Trip- walk around the village
Fri 5 April am	Nursery Phonics Workshop
Thur 11 April	Easter Church Service
Tue 16 April	Reception 2019 Offer Day
Wed 1 May am	KS1 All Stars Cricket Assembly
Wed 1 May pm	KS2 Chance to Shine Assembly
Wed 8 May	Years 4 & 5 Chance to Shine Cricket commences
Wed 8 May	Y4 to Strings Explosion Warwick Arts Centre
Wed 22 May am	Tempest Photography: Class photos
Mon 17 June	PTFA Discos: Ice Pops
Mon 24-Fri 26 June	Year 6 Residential Condover Hall
Tue 25 June	Year 3 Visit to Compton Verney
Wed 3 July	Year 4 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival- Berkswell CC
Thur 4 July	Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival- Berkswell CC
Mon 8 July 11.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at St Martins in the Bull Ring

Staffing Updates

Special Educational Needs Coordinator:

As confirmed in our December Newsletter, Mrs Morris is expecting her third baby and will be going on maternity leave at half term. We very much look forward to meeting "Baby Morris" and send our very best wishes to the family.

Plans are now in place for Mrs Mallin to cover Mrs Morris while she is off school. This term both teachers have worked together to ensure a detailed handover and a very smooth transition.

A Message from the PTFA



Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA Valentine Disco - we raised £230 for Project ICT Innovation!

If you are ordering any new name labels please consider buying from www.mynametags.com. The colour stickers are fantastic and stick on clothes, shoes and equipment. Quote our **School ID: 26751** and we will receive 20% of your order.

Another easy way you can our fund raising is by doing your online shopping through www.easyfunding.org.uk. Just go to the website and search for George Fentham Endowed PTFA and you can raise money every time you shop online.



Don't forget to check Classlist for the winners each month. Please look out for Mel Sanders or Rhona Cloke at the school gate to collect your winnings. If we don't catch up with you we will post or leave your cheque at the office for you to collect.

December winners:

- 1st - 33 - David Sandells - £25
- 2nd - 66 - Eryn Frost - £15
- 3rd - 74 - Sara Shepherd - £10

January winners:

- 1st - 87 - Leanne Perry - £25
- 2nd - 99 - David Tomkins - £15
- 3rd - 74 - Verena Adams - £10

Don't forget to check out www.classlist.com to keep up with the latest news and events.

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The PTFA's success is dependent on your continued support and engagement. We particularly need support from parents in Foundation and KS1 for the PTFA to be sustainable going forward for future years. If you would like to get more involved, any help big or small is appreciated, please contact us: gfpfta@gmail.com or via www.classlist.com. Or just turn up at our next meeting. We look forward to meeting some new faces. Thank you!

Date of the next meeting: 8:00pm - White Lion - Tuesday 26th February

<https://www.facebook.com/PTFAGeorgeFentham/>



School and Sports Events

Nursery & Reception: Relax Kids

This half-term Nursery and Reception children enjoyed Relax Kids sessions each week which involved playing games, learning yoga-type stretches and learning to breathe deeply. We all came away feeling very relaxed and ready to focus on our work!

Year 1: Sports Coaching

This half term the children in Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their multi skills lessons with an external coach from Hampton in Arden Sports Club. Their gross motor skills, balance and coordination have really developed over the 6 weeks, whilst playing a range of exciting and engaging team games. We look forward to welcoming him back for the remainder of the spring term. Next half term the children will continue to develop their multi skills and will progress to use a range of apparatus.

Year 2: Warburton's Bakery

At the start of this term, the children in Year 2 had a visit from two lovely ladies from Warburton's Bakery. They learnt all about the history of the company, the processes involved in making bread (from field to kitchen) and got to design and make their own sandwiches. A great time was had by all.

Year 3: Visit to Solihull Synagogue

On Wednesday 13th February Year 3 enjoyed a really informative trip to the Synagogue in Solihull. The children were very well behaved and intrigued by what they found out about the Jewish religion and the different experiences of men and women attending the temple. They touched a Torah, discovered why everything is covered in blue and red material and even held the crown (pomegranate) which sits on top of the Torah.

Year 4: Gymnastics

Year 4 children have really enjoyed their PE sessions this half term which have been taught by Becky from "Animated Dance". They have been balancing, rolling, moving, jumping and linking movements using a variety of equipment including wall bars and mats. The children have experimented in using their bodies in different ways and their finished routines were spectacular!

Year 5: Young Voices Concert

Thursday 17th January, 2019 was a very exciting day for members of the Junior Choir as they travelled to the Genting Arena to take part in a Young Voices 2019 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 Britain's Got Talent singer, Beau Dermot and Spandau Ballet member, Tony Hadley)

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learning music that was new to them as well as music that the children were familiar with, such as a Greatest Showman Medley. 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 Moore 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!

Year 5: Armonico Consort Workshops

For five weeks this term, Year 5 children have been participating in some fabulous singing workshops with Christopher Monks from the Armonico Consort. They have been learning about posture, breathing, leading ensembles and diction, and have learnt a wide range of repertoire including some super African songs and music from Carmina Burana (sung in Latin, German and French). These workshops will culminate next half term in a performance of Carmina Burana at Warwick Arts Centre with the Armonico Consort, a professional orchestra and children from other schools. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and they have really helped to further their enjoyment and engagement in this subject.

Year 5: Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 7th February Year 5 went to Solihull Sixth Form College to compete in the Solihull Sports Hall Athletics Tournament. Everyone got to take part in at least one track and one field event. They jumped higher, threw further and ran faster than ever before and we were really proud of their achievements, especially those competing in events that were relatively new to them such as the triple jump and the over under relay. We accumulated a respectable 122 points which placed us 5th overall. The teachers were delighted with the way the children embraced the spirit of the competition; brilliant behaviour, supporting and cheering each other on and approaching each challenge with determination. The beaming smiles said it all!!! Well done Year 5.

Year 5 & Year 6: Tag Rugby Coaching

This term, Year 5 and 6 have been receiving coaching from an RFU coach in Tag Rugby. These sessions have focused on the acronym TREDs - Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. The children have progressed enormously this half term. Year 6 will continue their coaching after half term, leading up to the Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament in the summer term - more details to follow!

Year 6: Bollywood Dance

On Monday 11th February, Year 6 welcomed Reena from Bollywood Dance to lead a workshop for us. We learnt a routine to "Jai ho!" and a great time was had by all (including Mrs Edmeades who is becoming an old hand at this!)

Safer Internet Day 2019



As part of our Online Safety work, children from Reception through to Year 6 participated in assemblies focused on the theme of "Our Internet, our choice - Consent in a digital world".

This was followed up in class with further work exploring how children could contribute to this. More details can be found on our website; <http://www.georgefenthamschool.co.uk/online->

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Book Club

We have had a whole half a term's worth of Book Club meetings for Years 4, 5 and 6 Book Club members. Between us, we are reading a great variety of books from fantasy to mystery and even some horror too. Mrs Brooker enjoys sitting with the children and reading her books too - what a treat! It has been brilliant to see children so totally absorbed in their reading. Due to popular demand, Book Club will be running again next term and letters will be sent out asking for our George Fentham Year 4, 5 and 6 bookworms to sign up once again.

Football Club

Another good half term for the GFES Football club. We are making great progress with developing our basic skills and this is definitely transferring into our matches now. We have had a hard fought draw and then a very close 3-2 loss, yet in both matches a little bit of luck would have changed the results into wins. Well done all. Look out for four more matches to come in spring 2!

School Collaborative Rural Schools - Enrichment

This half term, a number of George Fentham pupils have participated in collaborative enrichment events at neighbouring schools. Some of our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a 'Dragon's Den' enterprise workshop at Meriden Primary School. We received very positive feedback from the pupils who took part and the staff member leading the event. The following week, four of our Year 6 pupils took part in a chess tournament at Balsall Common Primary School. We are delighted to announce that they won the overall tournament. Many congratulations to our players! George Fentham hosted a Year 5 debating event at the end of January. Pupils were asked to research an influential scientist and then present a persuasive argument in order to gain the last place in a hot air balloon to escape a desert island. Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Morris were very impressed with the collaboration and research skills, use of persuasive language and development of counter-arguments.

100% Attendance - Autumn 2018

Congratulations and well done to the 82 children who achieved our 100% Attendance Award Certificates for the **Autumn Term 2018**. Below is a breakdown by pupil numbers in each of our classes:

Year	Number of Pupils
Reception	15
1	8
2	10
3	13
4	11
5	11
6	14

The BASE

Please be aware the BASE (Before & After School Club) will be open each morning from 7.30am. There is a possibility of spaces in the BASE for various sessions during the week. If you are interested please contact Mrs Coley at the BASE or telephone 01675 443913.

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Learning Curves



Want to Dance and have FUN?!

Come along to the Dance class we hold at George Fentham every Wednesday after school!
The club teachers, Katie and Gemma are fully qualified IDTA Instructors and Trained BCQ
Cheer coaches with DBS, First Aid and Safeguarding Certification.
For more information ask for a letter at the office or contact us at
jenn@learningcurvesdance.com
We look forward to seeing you!

Spring 2019 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.
Tuesday	KS2 Homework Club	3.20-4.20 KS2 Basketball Club
Wednesday	12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground 12.45-1.15 KS1 Multi Sports Club Strings Lessons	3.20-4.45 Learning Curves
Thursday	12.45 - 1.15 Y1 & 2 Tri-golf Saxophone Lessons	3.20-4.30 Year 3 & 4 Yoga Club
Friday	Cello Lessons 12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground 12.45 - 1.15 KS2 Tri-golf	3.20-4.20 Y4,5 & 6 Netball Club

Mobile Phones in School

May we remind you that mobile phones must not be used in school. The only exception to this is if parents use their phones to take photographs, *of their own child, for their own personal use* at the end of Class Assemblies or Performances. *We request that these images are not published on any form of social media.* This is in line with our school policies and procedures. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off and put away at all other times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Medicines in School

Please be aware 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 or whilst on school site for extra activities e.g. clubs and discos. 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 label with the above details.
Should you wish to discuss this in any further detail, please contact the school office.

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Dietary Requirements / Food Allergies

Please note it is the responsibility of Parents or Carers to advise the school office, in writing, of any dietary requirements or food allergies for each individual child. Please note this is not required for food preferences but for medical conditions such as allergies or Religious Beliefs. This information will be stored on the child's record throughout school.

School Meals - Outstanding Debt

Parents of children in KS2

Please note, we have an increasing amount of accounts which are falling in to debt. Please ensure you check your account regularly and credit your account with sufficient funds to pay for your child's school lunches. If a debt exceeds one week's school lunches of £10.50 (£2.10 per day) a hot meal cannot be provided until the debt is cleared and the account is in credit.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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

Punctuality Update

Our school gate opens at 8.45am each morning and is closed when the bell rings at 8.55am for children in Reception to Year 6. Registers are taken promptly at 9.00am. After the register closes any child arriving late will be awarded an unauthorised late mark. We would like to make you aware that this unauthorised mark will lower your child's overall attendance percentage and could lead to legal action. We would, therefore, ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives on time for school every day.

Any child arriving after the gate has been closed must be taken into the school office where a member of staff will document why your child is late, sign your child in and update the class register. **All children must be accompanied at the school office and not sent in on their own to sign in as we consider this a SAFEGUARDING issue.**

Please note, Nursery children should arrive in Nursery by 9.00am and should be fully supervised on the small playground until the Nursery door is opened at 8.55am.

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 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, 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.

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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.

And finally.....

A reminder Friday 15th February 2019 is an INSET Day. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school, after an enjoyable break, on Monday 25th February 2019.

Mrs J Gaughan
Head Teacher

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Email: office@george-fentham.solihull.sch.uk



Lunchtime Supervisor

Part-time Permanent Position

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

Term-time only

Salary Range £16,495 - £17,007 (pro rata)

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring and reliable individuals to join our excellent team of lunchtime supervisors next academic year. 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 Safeguarding, 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 return the completed form to the
Head Teacher - Mrs J Gaughan**

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.