

**GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 1 SUMMER 2017**

Summer 1: May 2017

Term Dates	
SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	<u>2016/2017</u>
Summer Term	Mon 24 April 2017 - Fri 26 May 2017 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 1 May 2017</i>
Half Term	Mon 29 May 2017 - Fri 2 June 2017
	Mon 5 June 2017 - Tue 25 July 2017
	<u>Remaining Inset Day 2016/2017:</u> Monday 5 June 2017
	<u>2017/2018</u>
Autumn Term	Mon 4 September 2017 - Fri 20 October 2017
Half Term	Mon 23 October 2017 - Fri 27 October 2017
	Mon 30 October 2017 - Tuesday 19 December 2017
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
	Inset Days 2017/2018 : To be advised

Dates for Diary	
Mon 22 May	Year 4 to "Strings Explosion" Warwick Arts Centre
Thur 25 May	Tempest Photography - Class Photos
Tue 6 June	Year 5 Cricket Coaching starts.
Wed 7 June	Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Tue 13 June am	Reception: National Measurement Programme
Wed 14 June	Nursery visit to Umberslade Farm
Fri 16 June	Year 2 Assembly
Fri 16 June	Year 5 to Solihull School - "Solihull Sings" Concert
Mon 19 - Fri 23 June	Year 6 Conover Hall residential visit
Tue 20 June 6.30pm	Nursery 2017 Parents Meeting
Tue 20 June 7.30pm	Reception 2017 Parents Meeting
Wed 21 June 2.30pm	Year 4 Strings Assembly to Parents
Thur 22 June	Year 4 visit to Cadbury World
Mon 26 June	PTFA Disco
Fri 30 June	Reception Assembly
Fri 30 June am	Nursery to Reception for story & playtime
Tue 4 July	Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Martins in the Bullring, Birmingham
Wed 5 July am	Year 1 visit to Pizza Express, Resorts World, NEC
Wed 5 July	Year 4 Cricket Festival
Thur 6 July	Year 5 Cricket Festival

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Thur 6 July	Year 6 - Heart of England Transition Day
Thur 6 July	Year 3 Conkers Maths Trip
Fri 7 July	Year 5 to visit Anglo Saxon Workshops in Worcestershire
Fri 7 July	Nursery 2017 Open Afternoon Sessions 1.00-2.00pm 2.15-3.15pm
Mon 10- Fri 14 July pm session	Year 5 Bikeability
Tue 11 July	John de Wit visit to school
Wed 12 July am	HSBC Finance talk to Year 6
Wed 12 July	Open Evening
Fri 14 July am	Zoolab Visit to Nursery & Reception
Fri 14 July	Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Fri 14 July 11.45am	Reception 2017 Invitation to Lunch - Parent & Child
Sat 15 July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Mon 17 July	Sports Day
Tue 18 July	Y2 Trip (TBC)
Wed 19 July	Sports Day - reserve date
Fri 21 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tue 25 July	Year 6 Leavers' Church Service

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Please look out for our job advert at the end of this newsletter.

New School Uniform

A reminder regarding the introduction of new school uniform with shirts and ties for our Key Stage 2 children from 1st September 2017. Uniform is now available to be purchased from:

PALMERS, 1640 HIGH STREET, KNOWLE. B93 ONA TELEPHONE: 01564 776590

SAT's Tests

KS1

A huge congratulations to all of the children in Year 2. They completed their Key Stage 1 SATs (Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) earlier this half term, showing fabulous maturity and attitude throughout. Well done everyone!

KS2

We were so proud of our Year 6s during SATs week this year. They all stayed calm and approached their tests with a really positive frame of mind. Well done for all your hard work Year 6!

School Visits and Events

Year 1

On Tuesday 16th May, Year 1 went on a school trip to Sudbury Hall to the Museum of Childhood. Apart from the WW2 bomb (unexpectedly discovered in Birmingham on that day!) delaying our travel slightly, the children had a wonderful time and learnt so much about the history of toys. The children found out all about the sorts of things children got up to long ago and how many children had to work at such a young age. The class had the opportunity to imagine they were chimney sweeps and they had a go at climbing up a replica fireplace (in the dark!). The children were exceptionally well behaved on our trip and a fun time was had by all.

Year 2 Tri-Golf

The children in Year 2 have had great fun experiencing golf this half term, with the help of a full time pro-golf coach. After 3 sessions with Aaron, the children will have 3 further sessions

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with Mr Bass before heading off to a Tri-Golf Tournament in June (More details to follow after half term).

Year 4 Strings Explosion

Wow! What an evening! Year 4 took part in the Strings Explosion concert on Monday 22nd May. The children excelled themselves (and calmed Mrs Brooker down) during their performance of a range of music (alongside many other schools) for their parents/families at Warwick Arts Centre. In the 8 months they have been learning the children have embraced new skills, techniques and developed a wonderful attitude to music and instruments. We hope that many of them will continue this next year. A big thank you to Miss Gosling and Mrs Claverly (Solihull Music Service Teachers) for their hard work in enabling the children to make such good progress, along with the Fentham Trust for their on-going support in providing this fantastic opportunity.

Year 5 - Solihull Sings

For the last 5 weeks, Year 5 have been fortunate to have an experienced choral trainer visiting them every Thursday afternoon, working towards a concert at Solihull School in collaboration with Year 5 children from Sharman's Cross School and Solihull School. The children have loved learning a variety of songs from Negro Spirituals, rounds based on O When The Saints to the engaging Hey! Mr Miller. Our visitor has been particularly impressed by the focus and exemplary behaviour of the children. They are very much looking forward to the concert next half term, to which parents are warmly invited.

Year 6 Tag Rugby Coaching:

Year 6 have been receiving RFU tag rugby coaching from Birmingham Exiles Rugby Club this term. The children have all thrown themselves into the sessions with energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to the festival on 7th June. Look out for the results in the next newsletter!

Assemblies

Year 3

On Friday 19th May, Year 3 presented their 'Learning Journey' in their Class Assembly. We would like to thank all of the children for the effort and hard work that went into making the assembly such a special and informative performance. One further special mention is reserved for Mrs Phillpotts for her great support with costumes and singing.

The Assembly centred on the visit of Paddington Bear to Class 3; together the children explored the fun they have had across the curriculum; in particular in Guided Reading, Maths and History. The children enjoyed using this opportunity to reflect their use of BLP skills that have been developed throughout the year.

Year 4

Year 4's assembly, which showcased all their learning so far this year, was a riot of song, music and dancing! The children threw themselves into their performance and their passion and enthusiasm was contagious. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They absolutely deserved all the praise and wonderful comments that they were showered with!

Clubs

Day	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday	Guitar Lessons	3.20-4.20 Football Club

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Tuesday		
Wednesday	Games Club (Hampton in Arden Tennis Club) Strings Lessons	3.20-4.45 Learning Curves
Thursday	12.30-1.00 Keyboard Lessons Clarinet Lessons 12.30-1.00 Y2 Recorder Club	
Friday		3.20-4.15pm KS1 Football Club

George Fentham's Got Talent

It's that time of year again where our young budding stars show off their talents in "George Fentham's Got Talent". The heats will commence after half term and our thanks to Mrs Taylor, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, for organising this event.

PTA

The PTA is keen to increase numbers and very much look forward to welcoming new members. Please contact Nicola Pickering NicolaPickering@googlemail.com (07899082598) or John Read john@jre.org.uk (07814007281).
Please note the next PTFA Disco is planned for Monday 26th June 2017.

School Meals - Outstanding Debt

As previously advised, the flexibility of the new system allows parents to choose which days they wish their child to have a school meal. However, 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. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sunshine and warmer weather

Children are regularly encouraged to drink water during the school day but this becomes even more important during the hot weather. Please ensure you send your child with a **named water bottle** each day. Please note only water is permitted in school. We would also ask that you send your child with a **named sunhat**. Suntan lotion must be applied **BEFORE SCHOOL** and should not be sent into school in your child's bag. If, in exceptional circumstances, you feel that suntan lotion needs to be applied during the school day please contact the school office as this will need to be done under adult supervision and consent forms will need completing. Thank you for your support in these matters.

REMINDER: Requests for Leave of Absence

At George Fentham we continue to encourage excellent attendance by all children. May we remind you that, 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. Thank you for your support in ensuring the very best attendance for your child.

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Safety

After such sadness in Manchester this week, some of our children have wanted to talk about what they saw on the news or what they have read on the internet. Please be reassured that teachers have dealt sensitively and age appropriately with any comments or worries. We have said prayers in Key Stage 2 Assembly and reflected on how so many good people have come together to offer kindness and support during times of great difficulty, during Celebration Assembly.

We have also reminded children about keeping themselves safe over half term, ensuring that they tell adults where they are. As always we encourage our children to make good choices and to look after themselves and those around them.

And finally.....

On behalf of everyone at George Fentham Endowed School, I wish you all an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 6th June 2017**, please note Monday 5th June 2017 is an INSET Day.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 return the completed form to the
Head Teacher - Mrs J Gaughan**

Closing Date: Friday 23rd June 2017

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.