

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

Summer 1- May 2019

Term Dates	
<b>SCHOOL TERMS &amp; HOLIDAY DATES</b>	<b><u>2018/2019</u></b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	Mon 7 January 2019 - Fri 15 February 2019
<b>Half Term</b>	Mon 18 February 2019 - Fri 22 February 2019
	Mon 25 February 2019 - Fri 12 April 2019
<b>Summer Term</b>	Mon 29 April 2019 - Fri 24 May 2019 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 6 May 2019</i>
<b>Half Term</b>	Mon 27 May 2019 - Fri 31 May 2019
	Mon 3 June 2019 - Mon 22 July 2019
	<b>Remaining Inset Day 2018/19 Monday 22 July 2019</b>
	<b><u>2019/2020</u></b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Mon 2 September 2019 - Fri 25 October 2019
<b>Half Term</b>	Mon 28 October 2019 - Fri 1 November 2019
	Mon 4 November - Fri 20 December 2019
<b>Spring Term</b>	Mon 6 January 2020 - Fri 14 February 2020
<b>Half Term</b>	Mon 17 February 2020 - Fri 21 February 2020
	Mon 24 February 2020 - Fri 3 April 2020
<b>Summer Term</b>	Mon 20 April 2020 - Fri 22 May 2020 <i>May Day Bank Holiday Mon 4 May 2020</i>
<b>Half Term</b>	Mon 25 May 2020 - Fri 29 May 2020
	Mon 1 June 2020 - Mon 20 July 2020
	<b>Monday 2 September 2019 **3 Inset Days to be advised** Monday 20 July 2020</b>

Dates for Diary	
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**2019**

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
Fri 3 May	<u>Last Day</u> for Malawi Stationery Appeal
Wed 8 May	Years 4 & 5 Chance to Shine Cricket commences
Wed 8 May	Y4 to Strings Explosion Warwick Arts Centre
Mon 13-Thur 16 May	KS2 SAT's Testing
Tue 21 May	Reception Visit to Butterfly Farm
Wed 22 May am	Tempest Photography: Class photos
Tue 4 June 1.30-3.00pm	YN & YR Parents: Building Resilience Workshop
Fri 7 June	Year 3 Assembly
Tue 11 June	Nursery Visit to Umberslade Farm
Tue 11 June	Year 3 Singing Workshop - Solihull Music Service
Thur 13 June	Year 4 Assembly
Mon 17 June	Sports Day

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Mon 17 June	PTFA Discos: Ice Pops
Tue 18 June 6.30pm	Nursery 2019 Parents Meeting
Tue 18 June 7.30pm	Reception 2019 Parents Meeting
Wed 19 June	Year 2 Tri-Golf Festival at Tudor Grange
Thur 20 June	Sports Day (Reserve)
Fri 21 June	Reception Assembly
Mon 24-Fri 28 June	Year 6 Residential Conover Hall
Tue 25 June	Year 3 Visit to Compton Verney
Thur 27 June	Year 5: Beowulf Concert at Warwick Arts Centre
Fri 28 June 9.30-11.00am	New Pupils Reception 2019 - Open Morning
Sat 29-Sun 30 June	Hampton in Arden Village Festival
Mon 1 July	Animals in the Hand visit to Nursery & Reception
Wed 3 July	Open the Book Assembly
Wed 3 July	Heart of England Transition Day
Thur 4 July	Arden & St Peters Transition Days
Wed 3 July	Year 4 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival- Berkswell CC
Thur 4 July	Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket Festival- Berkswell CC
Fri 5 July	Year 2 Assembly
Fri 5 July	Reception 2019: Parent & Child Lunch
Mon 8 July 11.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at St Martins in the Bull Ring
Tue 9 July	Sept 2019: Class swap
Tue 9 July pm	Open Evening
Wed 10 July 2.30pm	Strings Assembly - Year 4 & String Instrumentalists
Thur 11 July	Year 3 Church Visit
Thur 11 July	Nursery 2019: Open Afternoon. 1.00-2.00 & 2.15-3.15pm
Fri 12 July	Rev Stuart Dimes Assembly
Sat 13 July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Wed 17 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19 July 9.30am	Year 6 Leavers Service at Hampton Village Church

**Staffing Updates**

Lunchtime Supervisors:

We welcome Miss Grigg to George Fentham as she joins our Lunchtime Supervisor team and we say goodbye and thank you to Miss Mephram who has been working with us over lunchtimes for the last few terms. We still look forward to seeing Miss Mephram every day through her work at the BASE.

**A Message from the PTFA**

We have lots of exciting events coming up next half term. Here are a few dates for your diary (there will be more information for each event to follow):

- **Ice Pop Disco:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- **Hampton Festival:** 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June. *(We will be hosting a very exciting event at the festival - all will be revealed soon...)*
- **Freeze Pop Fridays:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- **Coin Chaos:** 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July

We will need some volunteers for all these events - so please get in touch if you can help.

If you are ordering any new name labels please consider buying from [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com). The colour stickers are fantastic and stick on clothes, shoes and equipment. Quote our **School ID:**

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26751 and we will receive 20% of your order.

Another easy way you can help our fund raising is by doing your online shopping through [www.easyfunding.org.uk](http://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 Shirley Chung 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 winnings at the office for you to collect.

**100 Club Draws**

March winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	45	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	65	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	98	drawn in Celebration Assembly 3/5/19

April winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	29	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	98	drawn in Assembly 10/5/19

Don't forget to check out [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) to keep up with the latest news and events.

The PTFA's success is dependent on your continued support and engagement. So far this year we have funded 3 new interactive whiteboards but have plans for more... 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](mailto:gfpfta@gmail.com) or via [www.classlist.com](http://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 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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



**School and Sports Events**

**Nursery:**

**Caterpillars!**

Five tiny caterpillars arrived in Nursery after Easter and Nursery children have been fascinated to watch as they munched through their leaf pulp food. As the days went on they grew huge and spun cocoons; we now hope to have beautiful butterflies any day soon! Alongside this activity the children have enjoyed work based on Eric Carle's famous 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book as well as finding out about other animal lifecycles.

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**Reception:**

**Butterfly Farm**

The Reception children went to visit Stratford Butterfly Farm this half term. They had a really fantastic day. They saw lots of butterflies and even had some land on them! The butterflies were beautiful and the children were able to look closely at the different sizes and patterns on them. They also learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly too. The children were impeccably behaved and were fantastic ambassadors for George Fentham School.

**Year 1:**

**Year 1 Assembly**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 performed their class assembly to the whole school and their visitors. The children shared their knowledge and learning on the theme 'Amazing Africa' and showed the enjoyment that they got from their Geography lessons in the spring term. The assembly took their audience on a learning journey showcasing a super dance performance and a variety of songs, ranging from singing about how animals should be allowed to roam free to reciting an African animal alphabet! The whole class showed great confidence when standing in front of an audience. They spoke clearly about what they had learnt, showed their super animal paintings and all dressed up as fantastic 'African Explorers'. We were so proud of them. A big thank you to all those who came to watch and well done to Year 1!

**Year 2:**

**Year 2 SATs Testing**

Mr Bass, along with all of the staff involved, would like to congratulate the children in Year 2 for their fabulous, positive attitude, perseverance, resilience and good humour throughout their SATs (Secret Agent Tests) Week. Completing 6 tests in all, covering Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar, the children are a credit to their families and friends and we are incredibly proud of them all. Well done Year 2!

We've had a really busy half term, but now with SATs completed, Year 2 are looking forward to their trip to the Thinktank, the Tri-Golf festival at Tudor Grange and an INSPIRE Workshop (Transition to Year 3).

**Year 3:**

**Healthy Eating**

Year 3 have had a very healthy start to the summer term. In Science they have been learning about different food groups and the impact foods within these groups have on their bodies. This work linked beautifully to the children's work in D&T where they had to use their Science knowledge to design, make and evaluate a healthy sandwich. Children had fun sampling different foods; surprisingly even the sardines had some fans!

**Year 4:**

**Strings Explosion**

On the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Year 4 had a truly memorable time performing in a Strings Explosion Concert at Warwick Arts Centre. In front of an audience of more than five hundred, the children were thrilled to hear their playing soar, cambering to the rafters and reaching right up to the very back row. They all loved the excitement of creating such wonderful music alongside professional musicians and the recognition of just how far they'd come since September, was written all over their excited faces. Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Kelly were hugely proud of them!!

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**Design & Technology (D&T) Chocolate Products**

In Year 4 we have been looking at the processes which go into making chocolate. As well as researching chocolate production and considering food miles, we have launched our very own chocolate lolly! After market research in Year 6, the class set about exploring different ways to combine ingredients to meet as many of the requirements highlighted in the Year 6 questionnaire. The class then evaluated two prototypes and decided on a production method which they put into process last week, producing chocolate lollies for Year 6 (and their teachers!) just in time for the end of SATS week. Year 6 had overwhelmingly positive feedback and the class are considering expanding their business! It was a great team effort from the class working collaboratively. As always, Mrs Brooker is so proud of them.

**Years 4 & 5 Chance to Shine Cricket**

Coaching by Warwickshire County Cricket Club has commenced in both Years 4 & 5 in preparation for their forthcoming Festivals at Berkswell Cricket Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July respectively.

**Year 5:**

**Year 5 Assembly**

The children of Class 5 presented some of their learning journey this year during their fabulous class assembly. This year the children were challenged to think more creatively about their assembly and to have greater input and involvement. The children decided that they wanted to tell everyone about their learning highlights. The children were tasked with writing and editing their own playscripts around different themes of the year and Mrs Kermode and Mrs Bradburn were very impressed with their organisational skills, their collaboration and resilience when planning what to write. As a class, they thought about props and costumes, often using great resourcefulness to make their own! We were so proud of the way that the children applied themselves to this class assembly, learning their lines quickly and making a real effort to present their parts with expression, drama and humour. The result was a really fantastic performance, enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. Well done to each and every one of you!

**Armonico Consort Workshop**

Continuing their fabulous singing skills from earlier in the year, Class 5 are very lucky to have been specifically invited back to Warwick Arts Centre for another performance, to take place in June. This time, the piece of music is a specially commissioned work based on the epic tale of Beowulf, which blends in beautifully with our English topic of Beowulf this term! The performance itself will include two international musicians: a singer who performed at the wedding of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, and a harpist who is the personal harpist of Prince Charles! Christopher Monks from the Armonico Consort came back into school for a one-off workshop with the children and he was again very impressed with the attitude of all children, their readiness to learn, their speed at picking up the new music and their continuing efforts to maintain good posture and breathing whilst singing. Mrs Kermode and Mrs Bradburn are incredibly proud of the way that the children embrace every opportunity like this to be creative and of their behaviour towards visitors to the school. Well done!

**Year 6:**

**KS2 SATs**

During the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Year 6 pupils completed their KS2 SATs tests. As always, we were very impressed with the children's calm and positive attitude. We now await the results at the beginning of July. Well done Year 6!

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**Curry making**

In D&T, Year 6 have been planning their own vegetable curries. They researched ingredients and also interviewed a "tester" at home to evaluate their finished product. Curries were made on 21<sup>st</sup> May, with the children enjoying developing their cooking skills. A delicious smell pervaded the whole school and most of the children enjoyed their culinary efforts! We do hope their testers at home enjoyed them too!

**Tag Rugby Festival:**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Year 6 took part in the Solihull Tag Rugby Festival - the culmination of several weeks of coaching from Birmingham Exiles Rugby Club. We were so proud of the effort and commitment shown by the children - you could really see how much their skills have developed. Our three teams played admirably with all of them winning at least one match. To our great delight, we came home with two trophies! The Blue Team won the Silver Group coming 5th overall, the Red Team came 8th overall and the Yellow Team won the Bronze Group, finishing 9th overall. Many congratulations to all our Year 6 children for such a fantastic day!

**Football Club**

We have continued our training throughout this half term, with the better weather giving us the opportunity to get out on the field and play full size matches. We continue to be impressed with the progress the children are making, both individually and as a team, and look forward to a few more matches in June and July.

**Charities**

**Malawi Stationery Appeal**

Many thanks for your kind donations of stationery. We delivered three large boxes to the collection point on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and the resources are now in transit to Malawi. Our donations have gone to two schools: Msomba Anglican Primary School and St Martin`s Anglican Primary School, Malindi. The children at these schools will be very excited to receive these resources.

Thank you so much for your generous support.

**100% Attendance - Spring 2019**

Congratulations and well done to our **74 children** who achieved 100% Attendance Award Certificates for the **Spring Term 2019**, the certificates were presented during a Celebration Assembly. Below is a breakdown by pupil numbers in each of our classes:

Previous Year	Number of Pupils
Reception	9
1	16
2	16
3	10
4	7
5	8
6	8

**The BASE**

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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.

**Summer 1 2019 Planned Clubs and Music Lessons**

Day	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday	Guitar Lessons Keyboard Lessons 12.45-1.15 Year 3 & 4 Tennis Club on small playground	Football Club 3.20-4.20pm.
Tuesday	12.45-1.15 Reception, Years 1 & 2 Racket Skills Club on small playground	3.20-4.20 Years 5 & 6 Rounders Club
Wednesday	12.45-1.15 KS1 Football Club on small playground Strings Lessons KS2 Homework Club with Mrs Mallin	
Thursday	12.45 - 1.15 Y1 & 2 Tri-golf on small playground Saxophone Lessons	
Friday	Cello Lessons 12.15-1.15 Games Club on Playground 12.45 - 1.15 KS2 Tri-golf on small playground	

**All Stars Cricket Programme**



Following the KS1 All Stars Cricket Assembly and Taster Sessions on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 a message has been received regarding the programme:

*We are pleased to inform you your child recently had an awesome All Stars Cricket experience at school. All Stars Cricket is the England and Wales Cricket Board's entry level participation programme, aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.*

*Programme features:*

*For all boys and girls aged five to eight*

*Delivered nationwide at over 2,000 centres*

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*Eight one-hour sessions, held over eight weeks*  
*Emphasis on fun and being active*  
*Focus on developing your child's movement skills*  
*Safe and fully accredited*  
*Easy online registration*

*Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including a cricket bat, ball, activity book, personalised shirt and cap all sent straight to your door.*

*Attached are our local clubs who are taking part in All Stars this year. Further information can be accessed at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>.*

#### Village Tidy Up

The Parish Council has advised us they will be holding a Village Tidy Up session on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 in preparation for the Village Festival the following weekend. Volunteers are required!! More information will appear on their website [www.hamptoninarden.org.uk](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk) in due course.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### A Message from the School Nurse Team at South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust



#### Tips to keep your child safe in the sun

- Encourage your child to play in the shade - for example, under trees - especially between 11am and 3pm, when the sun is at its strongest.



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- Cover exposed parts of your child's skin with sunscreen, even on cloudy or overcast days. Use one that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and protects against UVA and UVB. Apply sunscreen to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands.
- Be especially careful to protect your child's shoulders and the back of their neck when they're playing, as these are the most common areas for sunburn.
- Cover your child up in loose cotton clothes, such as an oversized T-shirt with sleeves.
- Get your child to wear a floppy hat with a wide brim that shades their face, ears and neck.
- Protect your child's eyes with sunglasses that meet the British Standard (BSEN 1836:2005) and carry the CE mark - check the label.
- If your child is swimming, use a water-resistant sunscreen of factor 15 or above. Sunscreen should be reapplied straight after you have been in water - even if it's "water resistant" - and after towel drying, sweating or when it may have rubbed off
- Don't forget to encourage your child to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/safety-in-the-sun/> or [www.healthforkids.co.uk/solihull](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/solihull)

*Your school Nurse would like to remind you to take your child to the local opticians for a FREE eye test. Children should have their eyes checked from the age of 4, ideally before they start school. If your child has not had their eyes tested please book them an appointment as soon as possible to pick up vision and eye health issues sooner.*

You can contact your school nurse in many ways; either by asking in school when your school nurse is in next or phone us on 0121 770 1919 (North) or 0121 746 4550 (South)

You can also follow us on twitter  @SolSchNurses

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**School Meals - Outstanding Debt**

**Parents of children in KS2**

With an increasing amount of accounts falling in to debt, please ensure that 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 be aware from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 School meals will increase to £2.15 per day.**

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

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**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.

**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.

**Inconsiderate Parking around School**

The Solihull MBC Sustainable Travel Team has asked schools to encourage parents not to park near schools using the following information.

*If you drive your children to school, it's too easy to try to park as near as possible. However if everyone does the same it can cause major problems:*

- *Let's all work together to keep all our children safe outside school.*
- *Keep speed down near school.*
- *Please don't park or drop off children on **school keep clear** markings.*
- *We don't want to annoy our neighbours: please don't block their drives with your car.*
- *Why not park further away from school and walk the rest of the way? It will reduce congestion, improve air quality and it's great exercise for children.*

**And finally.....**

On behalf of the staff and governors at George Fentham Endowed School, I wish you an enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

Mrs J Gaughan  
Head Teacher