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July 2016

Term Dates	
SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	<u>2016/2017</u>
Autumn Term	Mon 5 September 2016 - Fri 21 October 2016
Half Term	Mon 24 October - Fri 28 October 2016
	Mon 31 October - Fri 16 December 2016
Spring Term	Tue 3 January 2017 - Fri 17 February 2017
Half Term	Mon 20 February - Fri 24 February 2017
	Mon 27 February - Fri 7 April 2017
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>Inset Days 2016/2017:</u> Monday 5 September 2016 Friday 30 September 2016 Monday 3 October 2016 Friday 17 February 2017 Monday 5 June 2017

Dates for Diary

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Mon 18 July am	Duncan Assembly
Tue 19 July	George Fentham's Got Talent
Thur 21 July	Y4 trip to Lunt Fort
Thur 21 July 1.30 - 3.00pm	Book Sale, Holmes Suite
Fri 22 July am	Y6 Leavers' Service at Church
Fri 16 Sept	Reception Phonics/Reading Workshop
Thur 29 Sept am	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wed 23 Nov am	Tempest Individual Photos

Assemblies

Year R:

On Tuesday 21st June 2016 the Reception children took 'centre stage' at George Fentham School and performed incredibly well in their class assembly. They took the audience on a learning journey, showcasing some of the learning opportunities they have experienced so far. We were extremely proud of their performance. Well done!



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Year 2:

On Friday 8th July, Year 2 presented their "Midsummer Night's Dream" themed assembly to parents and the rest of the school. The assembly showcased the work the class have been doing on Shakespeare and explored their own interpretations of the themes in the play. The children really rose to the occasion and sang their hearts out - Mrs Brooker and Mrs Brown nearly burst with pride!

Year 4 'BIG String' Concert:

The children (and Mr Bass) had great fun performing for the rest of the school, the staff and parents. They showcased everything they have learnt this year, explaining each of the four string instruments and playing a variety of pieces. A fabulous end to a wonderful year of music!

Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Martins in the Bullring:

Year 6 took part in the Diocesan Leavers' Service at St Martins in the Bullring on Tuesday 5th July. This was a lovely occasion to come together with other schools from Birmingham Diocese to celebrate the children's time at primary school drawing to a close. Year 6 made an £81 donation towards the Diocese Malawi Partnership, which has raised more than £2,500 from all the Leavers' services. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for kindly donating.

Guitar & Keyboard Assembly:

Congratulations to our guitar and keyboard groups for their super performances in assembly this term. Both groups were complemented by their music teachers who said that George Fentham is one of the best schools they work in!

Stranger Danger and Road Safety:

On Wednesday 22nd June PC Long from West Midlands Police came into school to give a talk on "Stranger Danger" and "Road Safety". He focused on staying safe on your bike as this linked directly to our Year 5 Bikeability week.

Sports Day Results

Monday 4th July, turned out to be a beautiful day to hold our Sports Days. The weather was perfect and we would like to thank all of our visitors for coming to support our children. Every child had an opportunity to compete and showcase their skills. It was great fun, with the results as follows:

EYFS/KS1 Results

1 st place	Green	233 points
2 nd place	Red	227 points
3 rd place	Blue	223 points
4 th place	Yellow	215 points

KS2 Results

1 st place	Yellow	425 points
2 nd place	Red	391 points
3 rd place	Green	347 points
4 th place	Blue	327 points



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Sports Update- Summer 2016

Once again we have had a fantastic term, providing children with a wide range of sporting opportunities. **Please see our Sports Newsletter for all of the details.** Many thanks to Mrs Nicholson and the staff who run clubs, throughout the year, for their huge commitment and hard work. In addition we would like to thank all parents who transport children to and from events, without your on-going support we would be unable to participate in so many competitions and opportunities.

School Visits and Events

Year N: Umberslade Farm

Excited Nursery children spent a day exploring Umberslade Farm on Tuesday 14th June accompanied by staff and parent helpers. The children had the opportunity to feed the lambs, hens and goats as well as close encounters with guinea pigs, rabbits, rats and an orphaned duckling. Luckily the only rain of the day coincided with our picnic lunch when we had the barn for shelter. As usual quite a few exhausted children needed a nap on the coach home!

Year N & R: Mini-beast Adventure

On Thursday 12th July 2016 the EYFS children had a visit from one of the experienced Zoo Lab rangers who led the children in a 'mini-beast adventure'. The morning started with a mini-beast hunt in the Nursery garden. The children used their exploring skills to search for a range of mini-beasts in the school grounds. They found worms, beetles, ants and moths! They then had the opportunity to look at and hold some mini-beasts back in the classroom, including a giant African snail and a millipede. The children enjoyed their experience and were able to learn lots of new facts about animals and the environment!

Year N & R: Vet's Visit

On Monday 13th June 2016 a vet from Broad Lane Vets, Balsall Common, came into Reception and Nursery to talk to the children about her role as a vet. She also brought in a guinea pig for the children to observe and find out about. It was a valuable experience which guided the children to make sense of their physical world and their community through finding out about people and animals.

Year R: Theatre Visit

On Tuesday 28th June 2016 Reception went to The Warwick Arts Centre to watch 'Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales'. It was a perfect treat that linked to all of their learning this year. Under the sea, out on the farm and into the jungle, these terrific tales were woven together with live music, puppetry and a whole host of colourful characters from Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler's best loved titles.

Year 1: Compton Verney

On Tuesday 12th July Year 1 went on a class trip to Compton Verney. They had a great day learning about the wonders of nature, in particular a variety of amazing trees. They also had the opportunity to hunt for tree treasure in the outdoor classroom. Even though the weather was very wet, it didn't dampen their spirits and a fun day was had by all!



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Year 2: RSC Midsummer Adventure

On Friday 1st July, Year 2 performed their version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the RSC as part of the RSC's celebrations of the anniversary of Shakespeare's death.



This summer over 1,500 young people performed in Stratford-upon-Avon as part of the [RSC Dream Team 2016](#) Playmaking Festival. Schools from Warwickshire and across the UK brought their versions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to "The Other Place" in the culmination of a year-long RSC Education project celebrating the nation's best-loved play.

Teachers who were successful in joining the "RSC Dream Team 2016" pitched for a slot in the Playmaking Festival and over 50 schools were chosen to take part. Mrs Brooker was thrilled to secure a performance slot for Year 2 and, working together with Mrs Brown and other talented members of staff, supported Year 2 in putting on an energetic, entertaining and polished performance.



The RSC created a magical forest in the entrance to the theatre and, if you look carefully, you can see Year 2's fairy toadstools snuggling in between the leaves.

Mrs Brooker also worked with KS2 more able writers to produce written work which was displayed in the foyer of the theatre on the enchanted tree.



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After the performance, Year 2 had a special workshop on the play with one of the RSC's directors.



Year 2: Inspire Workshop

On Wednesday 13th July Year 2 invited their parents to attend an Inspire Workshop to explore the transition to Year 3 and KS2. Children and parents discussed feelings around transition, writing a message to Mr Poole with information about themselves and listing any questions or concerns they had. Then creative energy was let loose as the children decorated a bottle to reflect their personalities. The letters were placed inside the bottles and handed over to Mr Poole in readiness for September. A thoroughly enjoyable, and extremely useful afternoon was had by all.

Year 3: Rev Duncan Ballard & Hampton Library

In Year 3 the children have been learning about pilgrimages in RE, so we were delighted to welcome Duncan into school to lead an interactive workshop on Holy Journeys. This term the class also visited Hampton Library where they were met by Karen, our local librarian, who talked



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about the importance libraries play in our community. The children were also given the opportunity to renew their membership and register their interest for Solihull Library's Summer Reading Challenge.

Year 4 Lunt Fort

Year 4 children are very much looking forward to their end of term visit to Lunt Roman Fort in Baginton, Coventry. Here they will have the opportunity to experience what life would have been like 2000 years ago in a real Roman fort. They are particularly interested in sampling sword fighting and marching!

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 had a fabulous week of Bikeability in June. Fortunately the weather was kind and the children didn't get too wet! It was a valuable opportunity to learn about keeping safe on the roads and how to take care of your bicycle whilst cycling around the lanes in the village. The cycling instructors were very impressed with the children's behaviour and were delighted to report a 100% pass rate for all children who participated.

It's great to know that our year 5 children know how to keep themselves safe out on their bikes.

Year 6 Visit to Condover Hall

Year 6 had a brilliant time at Condover Hall from 20th to 24th June. They thoroughly enjoyed all the activities including kayaking, climbing, zip-wire, tunnelling, raft and buggy building and team challenges. Mrs Edmeades, Mr Poole, Miss de Luca and Mrs Philpotts were very proud of the children's positive attitude, lovely manners and how they all supported each other. Well done Year 6!

Year 6

Having now received the new style Year 6 SATs results, we would like to congratulate all of our children on their achievements at the end of Key Stage 2. As I am sure you are aware, this has been a tricky year in education and schools have needed to respond swiftly to significant changes, often introduced at very short notice. Our staff and children have met these challenges head on with our Year 6 children demonstrating positivity and determination in the build up to SATs and throughout the SATs week. We are so proud of them all!

In addition, Year 6 presented a fantastic Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday 20th July and we now look forward to the final School Leavers' Service at Hampton Parish Church on Friday 22nd July.

Our Year 6 children will be leaving to go on to 8 different secondary schools:

Heart of England, Arden, Solihull School, King Edward VI Stratford School for Boys, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Coleshill School, Alcester Grammar School & Al-Burhan Grammar School.

As the end of term approaches we wish them all the very best of luck at their new schools and continued success in the future. We will miss them very much!



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Charities

Throughout the month of March daffodils were sold on behalf of Marie Curie, we collected £41.14, thank you for your support.

We would also like to congratulate Jacob & Ben from Year 3 who baked cakes and sold them at the Hampton Festival Big Lunch at the beginning of July. This was completely their own idea and we were delighted to hear that they raised £57.32 for Marie Curie.

"Brave the Shave"

Brave the Shave

The last two weeks of the summer term have seen the George Fentham community come together brilliantly to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support.

With an amazing £2000 raised so far, Mr Bass is preparing to 'brave the shave' on the final day of term (total amount and more details, including photos, to be released in September).

This is a phenomenal effort by all involved and a very big thank you to all that have contributed - every little helps. Should you still wish to contribute, please go to:

<https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/simon-bass/>

George Fentham's Got Talent

This year George Fentham's Got Talent 2016 started with 27 acts in the first heat. The acts demonstrated a great range of talents; after boot camp 10 acts got through to the semi-finals, then in an assembly on Tuesday 19th July the 5 final acts performed for the whole school. We had four independent judges, one being our special guest judge Mrs Kelly, who retired six months ago. The morning ended with two runners up, third, second and first places. All of the 5 finalist were presented with certificates and small gifts for their hard work and talent of course! A big "thank you" to Mrs Taylor who thoroughly enjoyed running George Fentham's Got Talent this year and is looking forward to next year. Well done to all the children who participated from beginning to end, all did George Fentham School proud!

The results are:

Winners	Name	Year	Act
1 st Place	Thomas	6	The Singing Sensation
2 nd Place	Hattie & Libbie	3	The Fire Girls
3 rd Place	Alex, Oliver, Murray Harrison, Jake & Joshua	3	Beat of Bandits/Meet the Jedi Masters
Runner-ups	Poppy, Mia, Robert, Michael, Joseph & Jack	Reception	The Singing Dancing Queens/& their Crazy Backing Dancers
Runners-up	Evie A, Evie H, Sarah, Annie, Isha, Fran & Millie	4	The Star Girls/mingling with The Triple Taps



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School Meals 2016 / 2017 Classes 3 to 6

PLEASE NOTE FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 THE COST OF A SCHOOL MEAL WILL BE £2.05 PER DAY, £10.25 PER WEEK - Please ensure your ParentPay accounts remain in credit.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS - CURRENT YEAR 2 PARENTS ONLY

From September 2016 your child will no longer be entitled to free school meals under the above Government scheme. If you receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits your child will be entitled to a free school meal, if you think you may qualify please contact the school office for details on how to apply on the new online application system. All other parents will be required to monitor their accounts to ensure that their child has a credit balances at all times.

Requests for Leave of Absence 2016/2017

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.

Attendance is regularly monitored by our Solihull Local Authority School Advisor who, on his last visit (19.07.16), asked to see details of all children with attendance under 95% for 2015/16. School was required to go through this list of children explaining all absences. These children will be closely monitored in the 2016/17 academic year. Please note that if attendance falls, school will contact you to arrange an informal discussion or you may be required to attend a School Attendance Panel meeting.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the very best attendance for your child.

The Fentham Trust

We would like to thank the Fentham Trust for its continued financial support this year. As a result, our school benefits from additional funding which has enabled us to fully resource our new curriculum, upgrade our ICT resources and facilities and maintain staffing to deliver intervention and extension programmes. In addition we have been able to fund a range of curriculum opportunities for our children such as the Year 4 Wider Opportunities String Instrument lessons, the West Midlands Life Bus during Health Week and the Year 6 Ballet trip. This on-going support contributes significantly to the experiences our children have and the standards that they achieve.

School Uniform

Please see below a reminder of our school uniform, taken from our Prospectus which is published on our website for reference:

The wearing of School uniform accords with the ethos of the school in that it enhances the appearance and reputation of the children and our school.

Uniform	Boys	Girls
Trousers	Grey	Grey



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Skirt		Plain grey skirt or pinafore dress. Summer: red and white gingham summer dress
Polo Shirt	Maroon logo polo shirt	Maroon logo polo shirt
School Shoes	Black shoes no trainers	Black shoes no boots, high heels or trainers
Socks / Tights	Grey	Grey or white tights or socks
Sweatshirt	Maroon logo sweatshirt	Maroon logo sweatshirt
PE Kit	Black shorts, white t-shirt.	Black shorts, white t-shirt.
Games Kit	Dark plain tracksuit or jogging bottoms in cold weather. Trainers	Dark plain tracksuit or jogging bottoms in cold weather. Trainers
Hair Accessories		Ribbons, slides, hair bands etc should be plain, black, white or red.
*Jewellery	On the grounds of safety, NO jewellery other than plain wristwatches, medical alert pendants or bracelets and earring studs.	On the grounds of safety, NO jewellery other than plain wristwatches, medical alert pendants or bracelets and earring studs.

Please note all uniform should be clearly named. Uniform may be purchased from John Lewis on-line.

*Jewellery must be removed or covered during all P.E. and games activities in accordance with Health and Safety guidelines.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy at all times and tied back if possible. Whilst we appreciate the individuality of our children we ask that there are no extreme hairstyles at school.

Open Evening & Reports

We were very pleased to see so many families attending our Open Evening last Wednesday. We are extremely proud of all of our children and this was a lovely opportunity for them to share their work with you, and for you to chat informally with staff. Once again, the end of year reports were a joy to read. The children have worked so hard this year and their reports highlighted their many achievements and great progress throughout the year.

Thank you to those of you who have already returned report slips and Parent Questionnaires. We really value your comments and use them to evaluate our work.

Reminder: You are most welcome to see class teachers at the end of the day, when children have been safely dismissed, or staff can be contacted via the school office. For parents who find it difficult to come into school, please phone the school office and leave a message with Mrs Hansford or Mrs Chislett. A member of staff will then return your call at a mutually convenient time.

We would ask that any concerns are raised at your earliest opportunity. In this way we can work together to address any issues immediately. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2016

The Reading Agency and Libraries present "The Big Friendly Read", Summer Reading Challenge 2016. The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year and Mrs Edmeades has shared information with the children about how they can get involved. Please visit your local library for further details or look at the website at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

And finally.....

This year has been another extremely busy year where we have celebrated the progress, achievements, gifts and talents of all of our children. In addition, we have also shared times of great sadness and difficulties with some of our George Fentham Families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our children, staff and governors for your on-going support and for the care you have shown. George Fentham is a very special place to be and I am so incredibly proud of our school.

On behalf of everyone at George Fentham Endowed School, I wish you and your family a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 6th September 2016.**

Mrs J Gaughan

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