

GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL
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Summer 2: July 2018

We are looking to recruit new Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team. Please see the advert below and contact the school office when we return to school in September for further details.

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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 £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.

[Please contact the school office from Tuesday 4th September when we return after the summer break for more details.](#)

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Term Dates	
SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	<u>2018/2019</u>
Autumn Term	Mon 3 September 2018 - Fri 26 October 2018
Half Term	Mon 29 October 2018 - Fri 2 November 2018
	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 2018/19 - Mon 3 September 2018, Fri 26 October 2018, Fri 15 February 2019, Fri 12th April 2019, Monday 22 July 2019

Dates for Diary Autumn 2018

Tue 4 - Fri 7 Sept	Nursery 2018 Home Visits
Wed 5 -7 Sept	Reception groups - Initial session in school
Mon 10 Sept	All Reception in school
Mon 10 - 12 Sept	Nursery groups - Initial session in Nursery
Tue 11 Sept	Year 3 Swimming starts
Thur 13 Sept	All Nursery children in
Wed 19 Sept 6.30pm	Welcome to Nursery Workshop
Fri 21 Sept 1.45pm	Reception Reading Workshop
Tue 2 Oct am	Reception & Year 6 Health Checks
Fri 5 October	Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Years 1 to 5
Sat 20 - Sun 21 October	Hampton Arts & Crafts Exhibition
Thur 22 Nov	Tempest Individual Photographs

Staffing Update

At the end of term we are saying a huge thank you, goodbye and good luck to a number of our staff:

Mrs Philpotts

After 12 years as a Teaching Assistant at George Fentham Endowed School Mrs Philpotts will be leaving us this week. Over the years Mrs Philpotts has taken on a wide variety of roles, supporting staff and children in all aspects of school life. She has demonstrated outstanding classroom practice and worked to the highest of standards supporting both children and staff. Mrs Philpotts is held in the highest regard by her colleagues and will be greatly missed.

Mrs Multani

Mrs Multani has worked in Reception this year providing maternity cover for Mrs Nicholson. It has been an absolute pleasure having Mrs Multani on our staff team and both the children and staff have benefitted enormously from working with her. As a passionate and dedicated Early Years Foundation Stage teacher, we wish Mrs Multani continued success in the future.

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Miss Davis

Miss Davis joined us at Easter to teach Year 5 for two days per week following Mrs Corfield's retirement. Miss Davis has slotted in seamlessly and has worked in partnership with Mrs Kermode to continue the excellent work in Year 5. Miss Davis has a new adventure planned for September and we wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Mrs King and Miss Marley - Lunchtime Supervisors

This term we are saying goodbye to two of our lunchtime supervisors. Mrs King and Miss Marley have worked incredibly hard to ensure our children are well supported over the lunchtime sessions. We would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them well in the future.

Welcome to Mrs Brown

From September we will be welcoming Mrs Brown to Reception. Mrs Brown is an experienced Reception teacher and has already been working in school, meeting staff, children and parents in preparation for the start of the new academic year.

Staffing Academic Year 2018/19

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
N	Mrs Durkin	Mrs Holder (5 mornings) Mrs Flint (3 mornings)
R	Mrs Brown	Mrs Davenport (5 mornings) Mrs Stevens (5 afternoons)
Y1	Mrs Salmon (Autumn 1)	Mrs Moore (5 mornings)
Y2	Mr Bass	Mrs Stevens (4 mornings)
Y3	Mrs Briggs	Mrs Taylor (3 mornings)
Y4	Mrs Brooker (Mon - Thu) Mrs Chamberlain (Fri)	Mrs Taylor (2 mornings) Mrs Kelly (1 morning)
Y5	Mrs Bradburn (Mon - Wed) Mrs Kermode (Thu - Fri)	Mrs Keast (4 mornings)
Y6	Mrs Edmeades (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fr) Mrs Samples (Wed)	Mrs Kelly (3 mornings)

Planning Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) - statutory 10% non-contact time for teachers will be covered by Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Mallin.

Mrs Morris SENCo - Tuesdays & Wednesdays, non-classed based.

**A Message from Mrs Annabel Matharu,
Chair of Governors, George Fentham Endowed School**

It's the end of another school year and, as we say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children, I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the Governors to Mrs Gaughan and all the staff who work so tirelessly to ensure that the children's experience of school is the best possible. Also, thank you to all the parents, carers and wider community who make George Fentham such a wonderful school to be involved with. There will no doubt be challenges ahead, but I believe with such a dedicated and hardworking school community George Fentham will continue to deliver the best possible school experience for all our children. On behalf of all the Governors I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer.
Annabel Matharu, Chair of Governors.

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A Message from the PTFA

During the last few weeks the PTFA have held a few events to raise money for 'Project ICT Innovation.' To mention a few:

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our stall at Hampton Festival and all the fantastic helpers - we raised **£255.26**. Don't forget to get hiding and searching for 'Hampton Rocks' around the village - visit www.facebook.com/thehamptonrocksproject/
We hope you have enjoyed being 'cool after school' on Freeze Pop Fridays in this lovely heatwave.

Once again the children had a fabulous time at the summer school disco.

We've raised a fantastic **£430** during our Coin Chaos week! Congratulations to Year 4 who were the winning class.

This year we have raised over **£2000** for 'Project ICT Innovation' which will be funding a new IWB and we also have bought Year 6 their 2018 Leavers' Hoodies. Well done everyone and thank you for your support!

If you are ordering any new name labels over the summer, please consider buying from www.mynametags.com as if you quote our **School ID: 26751** we will receive 20% of your order.

If you haven't already signed up to Classlist please go to the website (www.classlist.com). Get updates and reminders on all events going on at school, message your class and even receive this newsletter straight to your inbox.

The PTFA's success is dependent on your support and engagement. 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

A really easy way to support us next year, if you haven't already done it, is to sign up to our new 100 Club (private lottery). Numbers are still available; please contact us via Classlist or email for a form. It's just £12 a year and a chance of winning £25, £15 or £10 every month.

Date of the next meeting: 8:00pm - White Lion - Monday 10th September 2018



<http://georgefenthamppta.weebly.com>

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

School and Sports Events

Nursery Umberslade Farm

The Nursery class visited Umberslade Farm at the end of June and had a great day. The children enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals and their young. We were able to feed many of them including two alpacas, who have recently arrived at the farm. Meeting an enormous pink pig called Beyoncé proved to be the most memorable moment of the day as she climbed up onto her back trotters to see us over the wall of her pen and oinked loudly hoping for her lunch!

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Nursery Visit from Reverend Stuart

Nursery children were very pleased to have a visit into the class from Reverend Stuart. He told us about his role at the church and some of the children asked him a question. We invited him to join us at snack time and we sang him our daily 'thank you' prayer

Reception Twycross Zoo

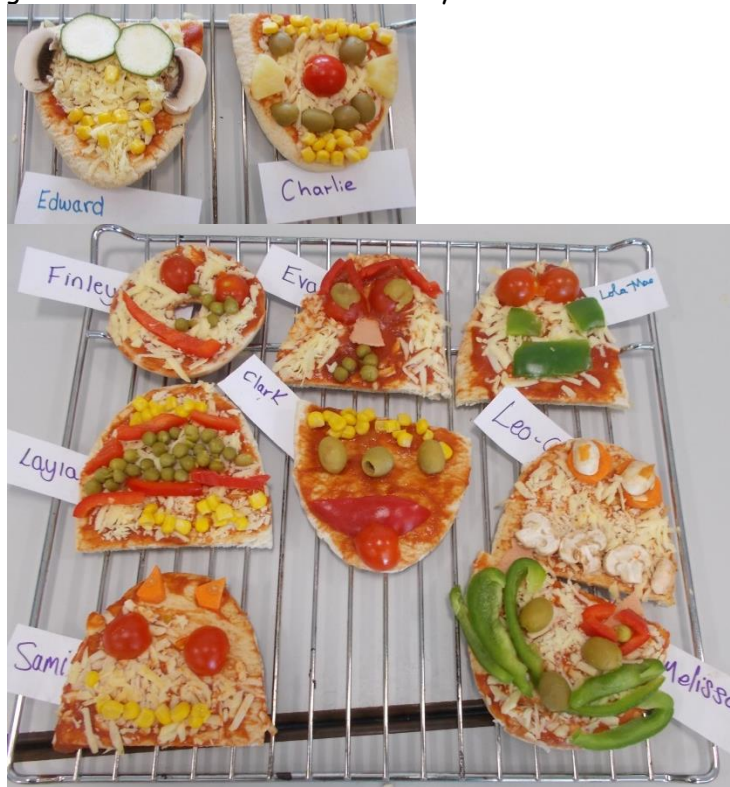
On Friday 8th June Reception class began their 'Amazing Animals' topic with a visit to Twycross Zoo and the children saw many different animals. Their most memorable experience was creeping through the Lemur enclosure, whilst trying very hard not to wake up the Red-Bellied Lemur! Follow up work in class included, drawing a map of the zoo and research to find out more about the animals they saw. Towards the end of term, children performed their 'Down in the Jungle' assembly for their parents. They worked very hard to learn song words and actions and we were all very proud of the children on the day.

Reception Visit from Reverend Stuart

The children in Reception have had an exciting summer term which started with a visit from Reverend Stuart who told the 'Noah's Ark' story using props. The children really enjoyed having Reverend Stuart in their classroom.

Year 1 Pizza Making

During this terms topic 'Pizza Making,' Year 1 have been developing their food technology skills. The children looked at all the different ways adults tried to encourage them to make healthy food choices and eat more vegetables. They then used their knowledge to design a vegetable pizza that would appeal to six year olds. They learned how to wash their hands, table surfaces and vegetables to get rid of harmful germs. They also learned how to safely use knives, peelers, graters and kitchen scissors. Finally the children cooked their pizzas and ate them!! Yum Yum!!!



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Year 2 Assembly

Whether it was the Plague and Great Fire of London (History), the Hajj, or pilgrimage (RE), the wonderful stories explored in English or their research about the Moon, the children in Year 2 provided us with an informative and entertaining journey through their learning this year. They were confident, clear and loved every second of performing to an audience. Well done Year 2!

Year 2 Tri-Golf Festival

After three sessions with a local golf coach, the children had a wonderful time participating in the Tri-Golf tournament at Tudor Grange Pitch and Putt. They competed hard, but with a clear understanding of fair play, and finished 11th out of 15 teams. Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to the parents who came with us.

Y2 Cheerleading Festival

After several weeks of coaching for the whole class, a group of 20 children represented our school in the Year 2 Cheerleading Festival at Lode Heath School. Despite their coach not being able to be there on the day, the children rose to the occasion and performed their routine brilliantly, finishing in a fabulous 2nd place. Congratulations Year 2 - we are very proud of you!

Year 2 INSPIRE Workshop

The children and parents, of Class 2, had a wonderful time at their "Message in a Bottle" INSPIRE Workshop. We also included an Online Safety focus to our workshop, with children showing their parents/guests the ICT Suite and explaining all about their Online Safety learning whilst finding and printing off images. However, the main focus of the session was on the transition from KS1 to KS2 and the children, with plenty of support from their helpers, produced some beautifully designed bottles and wrote some wonderful scrolls about their feelings on moving to Class 3. These were then passed on to the Class 3 teacher, Mrs Briggs, who will go through them on the first day back in September. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped out, this was a great opportunity for children and parents to collaborate in school. Feedback from both parents and children was extremely positive.

Year 2 Thinktank

The children in Class 2 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Thinktank in Birmingham. With a science focus on the topics of 'Our Amazing Bodies' and 'Materials/Recycling', the children had the opportunity to explore the whole museum. With great knowledge and understanding from their learning in school, combined with some fabulous questioning to find out more, the children demonstrated what good scientists they are. A great end to the school year for Year 2!

Year 3 Geography Walk around Hampton in Arden Village

Earlier this term Year 3 were getting into the World Cup spirit by learning about some of the countries taking part in the football competition. During their Geography lessons, the children researched the different climate regions, time zones and man-made and physical features within countries around the world. They then investigated, in detail, the town of Hamelin in Germany, comparing it to their own village of Hampton-in-Arden. The children became explorers on a field trip around the village, looking at land use and how the village has adapted to a growth in population. Year 3 have really enjoyed their learning this half-term.

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Y4 Assembly

Year 4 Assembly on Friday 29th June treated us to a delightful trip back in time to the momentous age of the Restoration Period. Using Pippa Goodhart's story "Raven Boy" we learnt about how the horrors of the Plague and then the Great Fire of London impacted on the lives of one little family. The story centres on a young boy called Nick who hates the King and all he stands for, his father is dead, pressed for the navy then killed fighting against the Dutch. Nick reasons if he catches the plague too he could take it into the tower, the domain of the King whose wickedness caused all these miseries. The children performed the story using wonderful story telling, acting, dancing as well as beautiful singing. Who knew that Charles II could rap? A huge "well done" to Class 4 for presenting a most entertaining assembly!

Strings Assembly

Year 4 along with other Instrumentalists thoroughly enjoyed their Strings assembly in July, playing the instruments they have been learning all year with the Solihull Music Service as part of the Wider Opportunities Programme. They performed five exciting pieces to an audience comprised of year four parents and the rest of the school, with their repertoire ranging from Mamma Mia to Elbow Rock. It was a fittingly joyous end to a wonderful year of music and Year 4 should like to thank Miss Gosling and Miss Chippendale for their tirelessly patient teaching and The Fentham Trust for their continued support in funding this excellent musical opportunity.

Year 4 Chance to Shine Cricket Festivals & Finals

What a fabulous time Year 4 have had with their cricket this term! After some expert sessions with Marie, our coach, the whole class set off for the regional competition at Berkswell Cricket Club. Both our A and B teams played with passion, skill and endless energy, keeping focused and showing great skills of collaboration on a hot, sunny day. Aided by Mrs Keast's dynamic and accurate bowling, our B team won all their matches and emerged victorious. Meanwhile, our A team (helped by some similarly impressive bowling from Mrs Kelly) had tied with Berkswell school for first place and so a play-off ensued. Our team held their nerve and won by a clear margin. We were through to the final...

Edgbaston was the venue for the final of the Warwickshire Cricket Festival. We arrived to be told that we were one of 21 teams to have gone through from an initial 137 schools taking part. So, a great achievement even before the first ball had been bowled. The A team was there to represent everyone in Year 4 and the 15 children took this honour seriously, playing their socks off and competing with ferocity and exemplary sportsmanship. Buoyed up by terrific family support, our batters looked unbeatable and George Fentham scored more sixes than any other team in the tournament. The entire team grew in confidence and stature with some excellent catches coming from our fielders on all sides of the pitch. We were brilliant! Finishing in 6th place, it was an excellent result for the school and we weren't at all far behind the winning team in a very close competition. All in all, it was a memorable and hugely enjoyable day with Year 4 representing the high standards of our school to perfection.

Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket Festivals & Finals

Class 5 had the opportunity to take part in the Chance to Shine Cricket Festival at Berkswell Cricket Club on the 28th June. In their coaching sessions in the run up to the Festival, the children enjoyed learning how to bat, bowl and field, and have relished improving their skills across the board. Having the opportunity to learn from specialist cricket coaches has been a huge privilege and one from which Year 5 has benefitted immensely. The children were well-prepared for the event and very keen to do well. We were absolutely delighted that two of our

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teams won their categories overall, with our third coming second in their category. We are very proud that our mixed A Team went on to compete in the area finals at Edgbaston Cricket Ground, coming 12th out of 22 schools on the day, and out of over 100 schools in total. Huge congratulations to all the children for their excellent effort and sporting attitude, on what were two very hot and sunny days - Mrs Kermode and Mrs Kelly are very proud of them all!

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 had a fabulous week of Bikeability in June. It was a valuable opportunity to learn about keeping safe on the roads and how to take care of your bicycle whilst cycling on the lanes. The instructors were very impressed with the children's behaviour and it is great to know that all children who participated now know how to keep themselves safe out on their bikes.

Year 5 Visit to Bishops Wood Field Centre

Year 5 had an amazing time at Bishops Wood Centre in Worcestershire which they visited to complement their Anglo Saxon History topic. The children became Saxons for the day, travelling across the choppy seas on a Saxon long ship, making pinch pots out of clay and decorating them, spinning sheep's wool, and hammering copper on an anvil to make it change from malleable into hard metal. The children stepped back in time into an Anglo Saxon hall and finished off the day with a fabulous team building exercise which involved gathering wood to make a den and then gathering material from the forest to cover it and make it watertight. The staff at the centre commented on the lovely manners of the children who were a real credit to the school.

Year 6 Condover Hall

From the 18th - 22nd July 2018, Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous week's residential to Condover Hall in Shropshire. Children took part in a wide range of activities from fencing to kayaking and archery to trapeze! A wonderful time was had by all and, as always, Year 6 children showed exemplary behaviour and support for each other. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Philpotts for accompanying Mrs Edmeades and the class. Thank you also to the Fentham Trust for funding the coach for this visit.

Year 6 Diocesan Leavers' Service

On Monday 9th July, Year 6 went to St Martin's in the Bullring for the Diocesan Leavers' Service. This service led by Bishop Anne, the Bishop of Aston, celebrates the end of the children's time at primary school and the move to their new secondary schools. This was an enjoyable service, full of singing (complete with actions!) and proved to be very thought-provoking for our Year 6 children.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 20th July, Year 6 children presented their final Leavers' Assembly to staff, parents and younger pupils. This was an emotional occasion for us all, as our fabulous Year 6 pupils shared their story of being at George Fentham. As with all great performances, there was laughter and tears! We wish all our leavers every success as they move on to their new secondary schools. They will certainly be missed by us all.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

On Monday 23rd July, Reverend Stuart welcomed us to church to say our fond goodbyes to Year 6. Our leavers shared some favourite moments from their time at George Fentham including: what is special about our school, what will stick in their memories and their advice for Year 5. This was a lovely way to end their time at George Fentham, particularly the beautiful rendition of "Million Dreams" led by Mrs Kermode.

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Football Club

As we reach the end of another year, I'd just like to take the opportunity to say a massive well done and thank you to all of the children that have come week after week and partaken in the various matches. I have been impressed with the children's enthusiasm, commitment to improving and the supportive nature that they have shown for one another. Well done everyone.

Mr Bass

Creative Responses to Classical Music

On Monday 25th June, the entire school took part in a creative activity planned by Mrs Kermode based around listening to a piece of music. Mrs Kermode took a whole school assembly which involved listening to a variety of pieces of classical music, thinking about how those pieces made us feel, what mood was portrayed and what images they created in our minds. The children then thought more broadly around these concepts, exploring how changing instruments, tempo or dynamic might alter their ideas about the piece. During the assembly, the children had the opportunity to share their ideas and all staff were particularly impressed by the attitude of the children who really entered into the spirit of the activity. The children then went back to their classes to listen to a minimalist piece of music by John Adams called *A Short Ride in a Fast Machine* and had the opportunity to respond in a creative way. All children and classes produced something individual using a variety of media such as clay, collage, paint, pastel and 3D models, as well as some written work. With input from their teachers, knowledge and understanding from their learning in school, and some super questioning to find out more, the children demonstrated what fabulously creative and original ideas they had collectively and individually. It was lovely to hear the comments from the children about how much fun it had been!

Cystic Fibrosis Assembly and Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 6th July, George Fentham turned yellow for the day! All the children looked seasonably bright and sunny in order to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. A nurse from Birmingham Children's Hospital, Michelle Tabberner, led an assembly for the older children explaining the effects of CF in simple terms. A huge thank you for raising a fabulous **£245.04** for this very worthy cause.

Little Free Library Assembly and Author Visit

On Friday 13th July, George Fentham celebrated the 1st anniversary of the Little Free Library. Mrs Adams kindly organised some lovely treats for us, including some amazing cakes, a vintage ice-cream van and a visit from local author BB Taylor. The children enjoyed hearing BB Taylor read from her books and her telling them about being an author.

Thank you to Mrs Adams for organising these events. We look forward to the continued success of the Little Free Library next year!

EYFS & KS1 Raffle:

Prize	Name	Year
Cake	Max	Reception
Book Pack	Michael	2
Climbing Voucher	Claudia	Reception

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KS2 Raffle:

Prize	Name	Year
Cake	Ishaan	4
Book Pack	Natasha	3
Climbing Voucher	William	3

Sports Day

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

We had a beautiful warm, sunny day for Sports Day on Monday, 2nd July and it was lovely to see so many parents there to cheer us on! Nursery joined in for two races, a running and then egg and spoon race. In Reception, Years 1 & 2 the children took part in four track events during the morning: a sprint, the egg and spoon race, bean bag pick up and the obstacle race. A fabulous time was had by all, with a great balance of sportsmanship and competitiveness on display. Well done to the 'Red' team who were the overall winners of the Sports Day trophy.

KS2 Sports Day

On Monday 2nd July, children in KS2 enjoyed their annual Sports Day. Mixed teams of Year 3,4,5 and 6 children took part in throwing, jumping and running events, culminating in the ever-exciting shuttle relay. Our children demonstrated, as always, a great sporting attitude and support for all their team-mates. The final results were:

- 4th place: Blue Team with 298 points
- 3rd place: Green Team with 300 points
- 2nd place: Yellow Team with 348 points
- 1st place: Red Team with 350 points

Well done to all the children who took part with such enthusiasm and on such a warm day! Thank you to all the adults who helped to run the events and parents who came to support.

George Fentham's Got Talent

This year's "George Fentham's Got Talent 2018" began with the heats after May half term. With a total of 42 different acts performing over the last two months in a series of heats, boot camp and semi-finals, the final took place on Thursday 19th July. The children performed in front of the whole school and a panel of judges who had the very difficult decision of choosing a winner. The results were as follows:

- Joint runners up
 - Creative Comedy: George and Oliver Y3
 - Musical Mayhem: Sophie, Ella- Grace, Freddie, Amy & Molly Y4
- Third place
 - Special Magic Shooting Stars: Scarlet, Megan, Sarah, Evie, Evie & Millie Y6
- Second place
 - A Million Dreams: Meja, Reception
- First Place
 - Sugar & Spice: Lola & Heidi Rose Y2& Y5

A huge thank you to the 42 acts that auditioned and performed. Each one of these acts demonstrated great confidence and courage standing up and performing in front of an audience. They should all be very proud of themselves, we certainly are!

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A special thank you to Mrs Taylor who organised and ran this entire event. Her encouragement and support enabled so many of our children to share their amazing gifts and talents. We very much look forward to running this event next year!

Summer 18 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	Cello Lessons KS2 Homework Club	3.20-4.20 KS2 Sports Club - Rounders 3.20-4.30 Year 1 & 2 Art Club
Wednesday	12.45-1.15 KS1 Sports Club - Multi Sports Strings Lessons	3.20-4.45 Learning Curves
Thursday	12.45 - 1.15 Y1 & 2 Tri-golf	
Friday	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. This is in line with our school policies and procedures. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched off and put away at any other time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

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

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

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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 be aware that the cost of a school meal will increase from 1st September to £2.10 per day (£10.50) per week. Please contact the school office if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals.

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, 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.

School Bank

We run a School Bank every Wednesday morning from 8.30am to 9.00am under the supervision of Mrs Lowe from HSBC and Year 6 cashiers. As a school we feel it is very important to help children become financially responsible so through the School Bank it is a fantastic way to help teach children how to manage and save from an early age. All children from age 7 are invited to open a savings account with an opening deposit of £10.00, further deposits in cash or cheques can be made from as little as £1.00. Once children reach the age of 11, the bank will open a current account for them, which will run alongside their savings account and with parent/carer permission the children would be able to have a debit card. For more information you can come into school to see the School Bank Team in the library area every Wednesday morning.

General Data Protection Regulations - GDPR

You may now be aware new regulations for the Data Protection Act come in to force on 25th May 2018, known as GDPR. To comply with the new regulations we have updated our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. These can be found on the school website within the Statutory Information section. **From the start of the 2018/19 academic year we will be issuing new consents/ permissions to be used in conjunction with the Acceptable Usage Policy.**

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George Fentham - School Uniform

A reminder from September 2018 our school uniform is as follows:

Uniform	Boys	Girls
Trousers	Plain grey trousers	Plain grey trousers
Skirt		Plain grey skirt
Early Years, Key Stage 1: Polo Shirt	Maroon logo polo shirt	Maroon logo polo shirt
Key Stage 2: Shirt & tie	White shirt Maroon school tie	White shirt Maroon school tie
Dress		Summer red and white gingham summer dress
School Shoes	Black shoes no trainers	Black shoes no boots, high heels or trainers
Socks / Tights	Grey	Grey or white tights or socks
Sweatshirt/ Cardigan	V-neck maroon logo sweatshirt	V-neck maroon logo sweatshirt or cardigan
PE Kit	Black shorts White tee shirt	Black shorts White tee 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 black, white or red and kept to a minimum.
*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.

*Jewellery must be removed or covered during all P.E. and Games activities in accordance with Health and Safety guidelines. Please send plasters into school for covering earrings if required. 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 in school.

Uniform may be purchased from:

**PALMERS 1640 HIGH STREET, KNOWLE. B93 0NA
TELEPHONE NUMBER; 01564 776590**

Book bags may be purchased from the school office at £8.00 each.

And finally.....

This academic year has been another extremely busy year at George Fentham Endowed School and it has been a pleasure to celebrate the progress, achievements, gifts and talents of all of our children. I would like to wish our Year 6 children continued success in the future and the

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very best of luck as they move on to their secondary schools. In addition I would like to thank all of our staff and Governors for their dedication, commitment and hard work this year. George Fentham is a very special place to be and I am so incredibly proud of our school.

Finally I would like to thank all of our parents, carers and wider community for their on-going support and to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

I look forward to welcoming the children back at the start of the new school year on **Tuesday 4th September 2018** (please note Monday 3rd September 2018 is our first INSET Day).

Mrs J Gaughan
Head Teacher