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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Newsletter 5**

## Dear parents and carers

On behalf of the combined Governing Bodies for both Eastrop Infant School and Southfield Junior School, I am delighted to announce that Mr. Aaron Griffiths has been appointed as the Executive Head Teacher of both schools with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

This is a significant and positive step forward for the schools in bringing them together both in the short term and undoubtedly for the future. It will provide many benefits to the children, wider opportunities for the staff and long-term sustainability for education in Highworth.

I'd like to thank the Governors for their extended efforts throughout this period and the teaching staff for their patience and understanding. I'd also like to thank you, the parents/carers, for your patience during this unsettled period.

The Governors are excited about the opportunities ahead as well as the hard work that will be needed to manage the schools to beyond the expected standards! As a result, the Governing Bodies have aligned with each other to make things more practical, but still to ensure both schools are challenged independently against their individual targets and finances.

I welcome the appointment of becoming the Chair of both schools and will do my best to ensure we all deliver. The role of Vice-Chair will be shared by AJ Cripps and Matt Ford.

As the year progresses I plan to provide further updates, either by a separate letter or through the school newsletter.

Once again, I am sure you will share with me the best wishes for Mr. Griffiths and every success for his new role.

**Kevin Weise - Chair of Governors | Eastrop Infant School & Southfield Junior School**

### **Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to 2018 here at Southfield!**

We all hope you enjoyed a lovely break together and found some time to relax and recharge your batteries. The staff and I are feeling very refreshed and enjoyed an inspirational training day on Tuesday with Liz Hopkins, an external maths consultant, and our School Improvement Partner, Bill Jerman. We are *all* looking forward to the year ahead and I am particularly excited about my new role and the opportunities available to us all to make sure that your children experience a fantastic education throughout their time at both Eastrop and Southfield – a partnership of two great schools with massive potential to be outstanding together.

**With best wishes – Aaron Griffiths | Executive Head Teacher**

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## Terms 3 and 4 - Important Dates for the Family Diary

Future updates/changes will be shown in red

<b>Christmas Nativity</b> ( <i>rescheduled date</i> )	10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2.20pm in the school hall
<b>Year 6 SATs info evening</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January at 6pm – parents only please
<b>Life Bus visiting Southfield</b> (all years)	22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> January (activities throughout the day)
<b>Y5 Multi Skills Festival</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February (children only)
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>'No Added Sugar'</b> <b>Whole School Art Project</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Parents' Evening</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February – sign up sheets to follow
<b>Class Photos</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Last day of Term 4</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March, finishing at normal time

### 2018 – 2019 Term Dates

Please see the Swindon term dates below.

#### TD Days – school closed for teacher training

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2018 – 2019 SWINDON**

**Final**

	August/September					October					November					December				
Monday	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	
Tuesday	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		
Wednesday	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		
Thursday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		
Friday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	

	January					February					March					April					
Monday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24				
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25				
Friday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Saturday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Sunday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		

	May					June					July					August/September					
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2		
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3		
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4		
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	5	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	6	
Saturday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	7
Sunday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	1	8

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019		
Summer Bank Holiday	27 August 2018	} 195
Christmas Day Holiday	25 December 2018	
Boxing Day Holiday	26 December 2018	
New Years Holiday	01 January 2019	
Good Friday	19 April 2019	
Easter Monday	22 April 2019	
May Day Holiday	08 May 2019	
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2019	
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2019	
Bank Holiday		
School Holiday		

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time and the Headteacher and Governors of each school set these days. Dates are correct at the time of publication

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