

**December 2020**

**Southrop C of E Primary**

**Together We Can Fly**

December is always the start of a very busy time at Southrop C of E Primary School and the nativity rehearsals are about to begin. Sadly, this year we will not be able to share this with the community at Southrop Village Hall. Instead we are preparing a dance version of Lights, Camel, Action, which will be recorded in the classroom. We are attempting to keep our Christmas traditions as normal as possible through the use of Covid-friendly measures. Last year we introduced the Posada into the school. This is a Mexican advent tradition where figures of Mary and Joseph travel around families within the community and arrive at church on Christmas Eve. This year's nativity set will be washable, with instruction on how to keep them Covid-friendly. The school will be enjoying the usual Christmas jumper and craft day too. The end of term will be marked with a Christingle Service, a joyful celebration that will bring the school communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

This term the Cygnets are learning about Space and started the term as astronauts with a cardboard box, zipping up the chimney to the moon. The Swans are learning about the Weather, writing their own weather explanation texts, looking at the art of JMW Turner and creating their own 3D piece of art "A Storm in a Teacup".

The PTA would like to say a big thanks to everyone who took part in the pumpkin hunt. We are hugely grateful for the support and donations, and glad to provide something a little different for the children to enjoy! They will also be running a Christmas raffle, with prizes of 5 Christmas hampers. If you would like more information, please have a look at the school's website or the Southrop Facebook page <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/index.html>

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021, the deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January. At the moment we are unable to offer tours of school, but please take a look at our website and contact us to make an appointment to talk through what we offer:

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Merry Christmas from all the community at Southrop C of E Primary School.