

## **CHEQS Magazine November 2021**

### **Southrop C of E Primary**

#### **Together We Can Fly**

At Southrop we believe that many great learning opportunities are to be gained by getting out of the classroom to learn in hands on way. To this end the Reception and Year 1 children have been enjoying weekly trips to Macaroni Woods for forest school: building a roundhouse from willow, lighting fires with flint and steel, cooking cinnamon bread, popcorn and marshmallows on the open fire, bug hunting, learning about the plants and sounds of the forest. The Year 2s will soon be joining them there for a Celtic day, fully adorned in Celtic checks, handmade brooches and face painted with blue woad!

The whole school were delighted to be back at the Literature Festival. Year 5&6 have been gripped by the suspense story, Crater Lake, by the author Jennifer Killick, who they couldn't wait to meet. Year 3&4 saw Hannah Gold whose debut novel, The Last Bear, tells a poignant and pertinent story about the devastating effects of climate change on wildlife. And the Cygnets saw picture book writers Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and story telling by the Oxford Story Museum was a particular hit. Everyone had the opportunity to buy books and get them signed by the authors, and Harriet and Ollie even got the chance to get up on stage to help Hannah Gold. We know these experiences inspire a love of reading and in turn the quality of the children's writing.

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception in September 2022 please come along to one of our open morning sessions to find out more about our nurturing, small school:

9.30 – 10.30 am

27th October

10th & 24th November

8th December

Call or email to reserve an appointment. [admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk) 01367 850246. You can also lots of additional information and slideshows about the school on our website <http://www.southrop.gloucs.sch.uk/> and Facebook page.

#### **Extraordinary Person Sought By Extraordinary School!**

We have a vacancy coming up on our Governing Board. It would suit someone who has experience of acting as a school governor, and possibly as Chair, or someone with an existing interest in and understanding of education or Special Educational Needs and Disability. If you might fit this bill please contact the school on [admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southrop.gloucs.sch.uk) or 01367 850246.

