



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Cross Country Success

Mrs Crocock and Miss Fletcher have been taking the lead on getting our children running! They both took children to Killerton this week to take part in the Exeter Cross Country competition. It's a hard discipline and I know both teachers are really proud of the children. Effort, determination and perseverance and of course fitness, are all important and Whipton children showed they had all four. They all deserve a big "well done" but I would like to give a special mention to a few children. Firstly, well done to Lucy Purvis who won the KS1 girls' cross country and Eve Andrew came third. Here they are looking suitably tired and pleased:



I'd also like to say well done to Ryley Taylor, who despite not coming in with the front runners, continued to make an effort right up to the finish line where he was cheered on by our children and children from other schools. We didn't have the same level of success in KS2, although Finley King and Stevie Vece ran a good race, coming in seventh and eighth respectively.



Eve Andrew has clearly had a very good week. Not only did Eve come third in the cross-country she also received an ICE award. Eve was nominated as she is consistently an excellent role model for her peers.



## Feedback on Taster Menus

I just thought you'd like to know what the children thought of the taster menus this week. The Southern Fried Chicken and home-made BBQ sauce was popular with some children, although others found it a little fiery! Staff, however, loved it and a group of us polished off all the left-overs in a governors' meeting. The Chicken Balti Pie, although also spicy, was a universal success, coming as it did with a home-made bread topping. The Custard and Rhubarb Cake was similarly popular. On a personal note, I did tell Debbie, our kitchen manager that the Balti and the Rhubarb cake were among the tastiest things I've ever eaten from a school kitchen and I meant it.

## Christmas Dates

Just to put on record that I generally don't mention anything to do with Christmas until 1<sup>st</sup> December at the earliest! However, in schools, we do have to make some preparations (learning carols, preparing for services etc). You also need a bit of notice for your diaries, so:

- Christmas Lunch: 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Day: 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Christingle: 14<sup>th</sup> December. The Juniors will be at St Boniface Church between 1.30 to 2.30; all parents and families welcome. The Infants will start at 9.15 and again all families welcome.

The PSA are also busy preparing and there is more information about the Christmas Bazaar over the page.



We had a lot of spotty children and staff at Whipton today, all raising money for Children in Need. We haven't totalled up yet but are hoping for a generous response in aid of a good cause. Here are a few of our spottiest suspects ...



I was chatting to Keira Jefferies in the Junior School yesterday and she told me about her new horse. It transpires that not only is Keira riding the horse but also jumping over things! Here is a picture of her in action. I must admit, I feel safer on two wheels!



## Christmas Bazaar.



December 9<sup>th</sup> on both school sites!

Please could all cake and donations for the money tree be handed in to your child's class teacher by the morning of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. This can be any amount from 10p - £2 in change and sealed in an envelope.

We are also asking this year for Jolly Jars to be sent in. These are clean, empty Jars which we ask you to fill with anything of your choice. Such as sweets, toys or animal treats. The jars can be decorated and will then be sold at the Bazaar.

As December 9<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas jumper day, we are asking that instead of a £1 donation, could all children please bring a tombola prize in to school instead.

Thank you again for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30-4.30pm