Almighty and everlasting God,

You hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry.

Create and make, in us, new hearts empty of wrong doing.

May the things we give up, during this holiest of seasons, be a daily reminder of the great sacrifice, your son Jesus, made for us on the cross.

May the ashes on our foreheads help us to notice the suffering of those around us and help us to be compassionate towards our friends and the wider school community.

Help us to resist temptation throughout lent and remain committed to our chosen sacrifice.

May we be grateful for the safety simply by living in our beautiful village.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen