



Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed the beautiful sunshine this weekend.

In Collective Worship today, we heard from Luke 13:1-9. Jesus tells us a parable about a fig tree. The man who had planted the fig tree came out to pick some fruit, but there wasn't any. The man had been waiting for three years for the tree to give him some fruit. He was angry and disappointed. He asked his gardener to cut down the tree. The gardener asked for one more year to look after the tree – to dig round it and give it some manure to help it grow. Plants and trees need the right conditions to grow and the gardener hoped that by doing this, the tree would grow fruit.

We thought about the right conditions we need to live our lives well too. Everyone needs enough food and water to stay healthy and strong. We reflected on what else we need such as love and peace. How we treat other people can help us to grow and develop or stop them from doing so. We all have a responsibility to look after each other: our friends, our family and even people that we haven't met around the world.

The fig tree in Jesus' story is supposed to share its fruit with the man who planted it, but it is not doing what it is supposed to. Sometimes we are a bit like the fig tree. We do not share as well as we could. The gardener is like Jesus. The gardener gives the fig tree another chance and gives it all the things it needs to live. Jesus is always ready to forgive us when we have done something wrong and Jesus shows us how we should live our lives.

God gives us the chance to change, to share what we have and to do all that we can to make sure that all people have the things that they need to live. We thought about what we can do this Lent, to help make a change to our world.

Best wishes

Mrs Ashworth (EHT)

Mrs Gilhooly (AHT)

Mrs Rhodes (AHT)



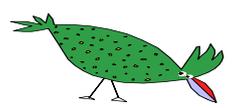
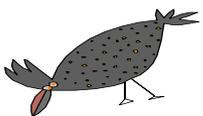
## Family prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

*Forgiving God, we thank you for the love and care that you show for us all. Help us to grow in that love, and to do all that we can to help each other to live free from poverty and hunger. Amen.*

### Mass

Please visit the websites of our parishes to access the bulletins.

[www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartilkley.org.uk) and [www.ssfishermore.co.uk](http://www.ssfishermore.co.uk).



This is our second week of celebrating the virtue 'Forgiveness'

I accept God's forgiveness. I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself. I let go of my hurt feelings and give myself a new start. I give others a new start.

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)



### Parents' Meetings

Parents' meetings will take place on Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March from 15:30.

Books will be sent home the evening before your appointment. The books need to be returned the next morning in readiness for lessons.

In order to minimise congestion in the hall, we politely ask that you arrive no more than a couple of minutes earlier than your appointment time.

Any parents, who are unable to make the face to face or virtual appointments, will be offered a phone call from the class teacher. Unfortunately, we cannot offer additional face to face meetings.

Many thanks.

### Carnival Update

The carnival is fast approaching and we are still looking for volunteers to be part of the Carnival Committee. If you are interested please email the school office.

### Absences

We continue to deal with a high number of staff and pupil absences.

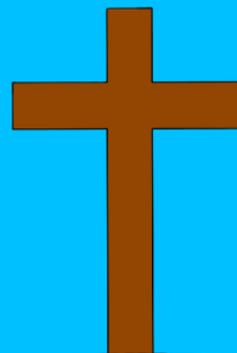
We will continue to keep you informed should this impact on forthcoming events.

The House Point Cup Winners this week are Wilberforce  
Well done everyone!



### Holy Week Invitation

Join us for an All Age  
Good  
Friday  
Walk  
of  
Witness



Friday 15th April  
Start: 10:30am at St John Fisher & St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church.

Walk between the 4 village churches with an activity at each one.

Finish: 12:00 noon at St Mary's Parish Centre for soup and bread roll.

## Cross Country

What an amazing turn out! Well done to everyone who took part in the KS2 Cross Country relays. You all did yourselves proud!

Congratulations to the U11 Boy's team (Aston, Joseph and Sam), who were third and to the U9s Mixed team (Finnbar, Lorcan and Lottie), who also placed third.

Sam (3rd), Ollie (18th) and Iris (14th) won certificates for their participation in the league.

Please see more photos of this fabulous event on our Facebook page.

Thanks to Mrs Li and all the staff, who have volunteered to help and to all the parents, who have made sure their children could take part. We really appreciate your support with these events.



## First Sunday of Lent- Upcoming events this week:

**Monday- Collective Worship; Year 1/2 PE; Year 5 swimming and PE; whole school lego club**

**Tuesday- Reception PE; Y6 PE; Y1-6 Dance/ Drama club 3.15-4.30pm; Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby 4-5pm.**

**Wednesday- Y 1/2 PE; Y2/3 PE; whole school arts and crafts club 3:15pm.**

**Thursday- Brass lessons from 10:30am. Woodwind lessons from 11.55am; Year 3/4 PE; 2.30pm Year 3/4**

**Stay and Read—Parents Visit; Reception-Year 3 Multi-sports club 3:15pm**

**Friday- Guitar lessons from 2:15pm, Yr 2-6 football club 3:15pm**

## **Upcoming events for Half Term 4**

- **Wednesday 23rd March- Parent meetings 3:30pm- 6pm**
- **Thursday 24th March- Parent meetings 3:30pm-6pm**
- **Friday 1st April- School closes for Easter holidays at 3:15pm**
- **Tuesday 19th April- School opens 8:45am**

