



## Developing the Value of Forgiveness in the life of St George's CE Primary School Spring term 2016

### A Christian Perspective on Forgiveness



Forgiveness is the means by which damaged relationships are restored. It is an act of the will, motivated by love. For Christians, Jesus' death on a cross is the ultimate revelation of God's all forgiving love, and his sacrifice stands as a source of inspiration to forgive others, no matter what the cost.

**Forgiveness**

Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others  
**Colossians 3:13**

Hold to forgiveness, command what is right, and turn away from the ignorant.  
**[Qur'an, 7:199]**

## Reflecting as a Whole School Community

Some questions for us to consider:

- How are children and adults within our school community helped to acknowledge that we all make mistakes and we all need forgiveness from God and each other?
- How does our school help all members of the community to make amends for their mistakes?
- How does our school celebrate the idea that God's love is so great that forgiveness is always possible?
- How does our school foster the idea that forgiveness and acceptance of all builds the life of the school community?



## Collective Worship

We are exploring the Value of Forgiveness through our Collective Worship and thinking about the people, the stories and the ideas that inspire us. We use reflection time to think about the importance of saying and being sorry as part of asking for forgiveness and making a fresh start. We also respond through a challenge each week to help us to think more about true Forgiveness and what that might be like. The whole school worked together to create our Easter display board in the hall - 'The Gift of Forgiveness'





## Reflection



Forgetting the hurts  
Offering a new  
beginning  
Restoring a friendship  
Given and received  
Identifying  
responsibility  
Valuing the truth  
Ending an argument  
Not holding a grudge  
Encouraging honesty  
Saying sorry  
Starting again

Which of the lines in  
the poem shows real  
forgiveness?

Is it always easy  
to forgive?

Do you offer a fresh  
start to others when  
they say sorry to you?



## Response and Challenge



If someone hurts or upsets you, think about how you can show them you forgive them. (*The Ethos group will be out and about spotting those who are showing real forgiveness !*)

**Work with others in your class to create ideas to show your thoughts about forgiveness for our Easter display board, and for your class reflective area too**

## Reflection and Prayer



Dear Lord,

Thank you that you offer forgiveness to all, through Jesus.

Sorry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry to others or not quick enough to forgive.

Please help us to ask for forgiveness when we make a mistake and to accept an apology kindly.

Amen

