



HORSELL
C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our School Value this half term is Forgiveness

Our school vision statement

At Horsell C of E Junior School we believe that we are all 'made in the image of God'. Through a commitment to **Christian values** and **high academic aspirations**, we strive to provide a **rich** and **inclusive** education for every member of our school **family**.

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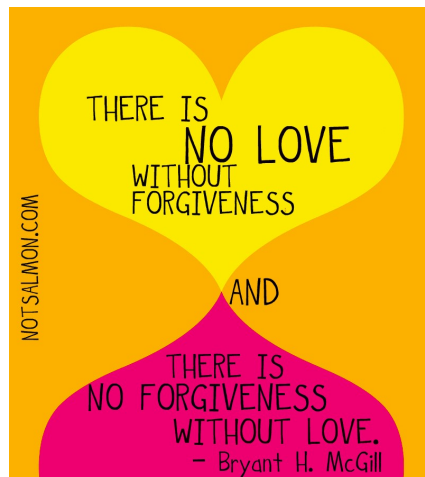
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Forgiveness can mean lots of things to lots of different people: throwing away hate, praying to God, solving conflicts between people. Forgiving someone can be hard, but not forgiving and holding onto grudges can be worse. Saying sorry can solve a lot of problems but forgiving someone can fix a lot of pain.

Forgiving someone means letting go and forgetting the negative things they have done to you and helping them to be a better person and to feel better. It can help your mental health and well being too.

At school, forgiveness is celebrated a lot and outlines being a better, kinder person. It is such an important school value because it links to all the others, especially love and dignity.

At Horsell, that is what we are all aiming to be. When we forgive we learn a lot about ourselves.



Mark 11:25 "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, **forgive** him, so that your Father in heaven may **forgive** you your sins."

Luke 6:37 "... **Forgive**, and you will be **forgiven**."

Luke 11:4 "**Forgive** us our sins, for we also **forgive** everyone who sins against us."



Reflection Corner...

Find a dirty rock or stone. Look at it and think about a time or moment you needed to seek forgiveness. Put your stone in water and wash it. As you wash it, reflect on letting go of all those feelings.



Restorative Justice and the school's behavior policy

Our behavior policy includes forgiveness as one of its values.

All staff members of staff have been trained in Restorative Justice techniques. Staff have a series of questions that they ask children when they have made mistakes. Restorative questioning aims to develop empathy, recognition and understanding of the reasons for conflict to prevent future occurrences.

It is important that all of our children know that, when they have reflected on their actions and put things right, they will be forgiven and that every day is a new start.