



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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Reflections on the theme of forgiveness by year 6 pupils.

"Forgiving and being able to let go made me feel at peace in myself."

"I feel safe knowing that God will forgive me for anything."

"Forgiving myself is harder than forgiving other people."

"When I forgave (name of friend) for sharing my secret, I didn't feel sad or hurt about it any more."

"Holding on to feelings of unforgiveness is like having a black stone in your heart. Forgiving makes it go away."

"I need to learn to be as kind to myself as I am to my friends and forgive myself when I do something wrong."

Forgiveness is the act of forgiving, or being forgiven.

When we forgive, we let go of feelings of upset or anger towards someone or something for their actions or wrong choices.



The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

– Mahatma Gandhi

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive.

– Mother Teresa



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 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.