

Bishop Tufnell CE Infant School

Christian Values leaflet 9

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Forgiveness



The front cover of this leaflet illustrates our school's 15 Christian Values. We teach our pupils about these and emphasise that they are different from our Learning Values. These leaflets are for adults who may wish to know more about our Christian Values.

Our School Values can be found in writing near Maple Class and in practise they can be found underpinning all the work of our school.

We talk about 5 Christian Values per term in class and they are also reflected in our weekly Worship Themes.

The Christian Values are not separate but link together the beliefs of Christians. One is not more important than the other and therefore our leaflet cover represents them as interlocking building bricks of faith.

There are 15 leaflets with information about how each value defines itself in Christian faith.

Even if you choose not to be a Christian the leaflets may have information that helps you in your life's journey - or just makes you stop and reflect.

I hope that you find these leaflets helpful and informative.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is fundamental to the character of God. Throughout the Bible, God is described as slow to anger but full of love with a forgiving heart.

Jesus was uncompromising in his command to forgive. Forgive, he said, 'seventy times seven'. In other words, forgive and keep on forgiving without limit.

Forgiveness was at the heart of everything Jesus did and is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer. A prayer for the forgiveness of his persecutors was on Jesus' lips as he died.



Christian preaching has always put forgiveness at the centre. We forgive because we are forgiven.

Forgiveness must be genuine and from the heart. Too often 'sorry' is said very easily, implying: 'All I need to do is say I'm sorry and everything will be OK'.

Real repentance demands that we take what we have done wrong seriously and have a deep desire not to do it again. Once we understand that, forgiveness can be truly liberating both for the person who is forgiven and for the person who forgives.

Please turn over the page to find out some of the ways we celebrate Forgiveness in our school

What do we do in school in response to Forgiveness?

In school we learn about Forgiveness in our Personal, Social and Health Education lessons. We learn that if you truly forgive someone you should never mention it again.

We help children to act out forgiving someone in role play situations. They are then prepared and ready to know how to forgive.

Our School rules are important. However, if someone breaks our rules they learn that they can say sorry and be forgiven. They start again with a 'clean sheet'



In our Collective Worship and Religious Education lessons we learn about how Jesus forgave people such as Zacchaeus and Judas.

We learn that Jesus forgave those who condemned him to death: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Forgiveness is hard when you feel wronged against. But we try to instil a generosity of spirit, the skills and the ability to forgive.

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