

## FORGIVENESS

The Bible speaks a lot about FORGIVENESS, in fact the whole of Christianity is founded upon God's willingness to forgive us so that we can have a personal relationship with Him. Through dying on the cross Jesus demonstrated God's love and compassion for all mankind and even at this time He spoke words of FORGIVENESS to those who were treating Him so cruelly; *Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them"*. Just as God offers us FORGIVENESS, through what Jesus did at the cross, He also asks us to forgive others. Jesus taught His followers to pray in Matthew 6:12 saying; *"Forgive the sins we have done, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us."* We still use this prayer in school today.

The word FORGIVENESS in the bible literally means "to let go", so you could say that for a Christian to forgive means to move on, start afresh and let go of any resentment. This is what God does when we ask for his FORGIVENESS and what we should do when we forgive others. In a practical way FORGIVENESS plays a vital role in our school life. Understanding this value means that not only can we know about God's FORGIVENESS but be aware of how our actions affect others, creating a happy environment in which we can work and play. FORGIVENESS enables us to learn from past mistakes and start afresh with a growth mindset ready to nurture our full potential.

*"Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other as God forgave you in Christ" (Ephesians 4:32).*