

Our Value in February is **Forgiveness**

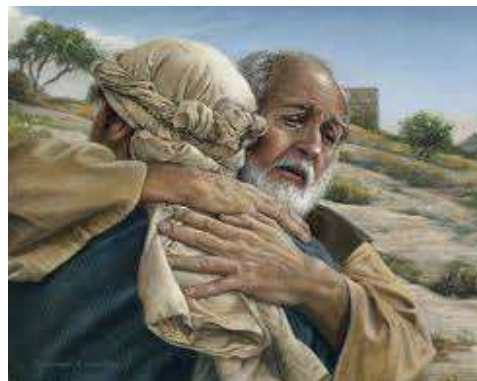


- **to lose feelings of resentment**
- **to show mercy towards others who have offended you by word or deed**

At school we will approach this value through two very powerful stories. We will share the stories of the 'Bishop's Candlesticks' taken from Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables' and the parable of the Prodigal Son taken from St Luke's Gospel. We will use these stories to discuss the importance of forgiveness and demonstrate the need to forgive in order to move on with our lives. We will acknowledge the difficulty in saying 'sorry' in a genuine and meaningful way but the children will be encouraged to apologise for misdeeds and to accept apologies and forgive others for their misdeeds. This ability to forgive makes a huge difference to our lives especially for the children in terms of happy playtimes and harmonious group activities.

Thought for the month:

'To err is human; to forgive, divine.' *Alexander Pope*



At home as a family you should make a concerted effort to apologise for wrongdoings by using that difficult word 'sorry' and meaning it. You should forgive each other and put your problems behind you and get on with your lives. To quote a Year 1 pupil "You feel happy when you've forgiven someone.'