

Shine a light on...

Koinonia



23rd September to 7th October

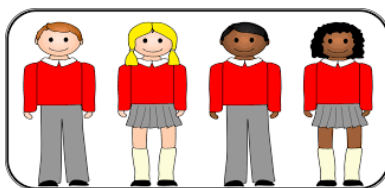
Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives but often a description of a community, organisation or nation. Queen Elizabeth II



"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." [Philippians 2:1-2](#)

"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS."

CORETTA SCOTT KING



What the bible says about koinonia.

Koinonia can be thought of, "fellowship, community and joint participation." Its origin is in the Greek word koinonos, which means partner, sharer, and companion. In short, it is a shared community that involves deep, close-knit participation among its people. It involves a group of people being united in purpose and serving alongside each other.

We have seen the importance of koinonia over recent weeks, as the nation has grieved the loss of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The sense of coming together over a shared purpose brings strength and positivity. It is also important for us to think about our school community at this time of year. A new year provides new challenges, new opportunities to explore and opportunities to start afresh. We find ourselves in new classes where, whilst we celebrate and draw upon the unique talents of every child, we encourage support and teamwork to work towards common goals. These are successfully achieved by the koinonia we create.

We want to see how you have got involved in koinonia. You have 2 weeks to complete one of the following tasks below for your Value homework activity. Your teacher will have told you which one they would like you to focus on. All you have to do is show us what you have done in your Homework book - it could be a few lines to show what you talked about, or you might create a poster to show your thoughts.

Peter wrote, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others," (Peter 4:10).

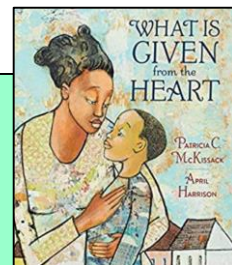
Therefore how could you use your talents and strengths to help others?

Could you create a picture to cheer someone up? Could you bake/help cook a meal for your family? Could you read to younger or elderly relatives.

Can you show some care to others? Why not donate some clothes you no longer wear or toys you no longer use to charity (with your parent's permission).

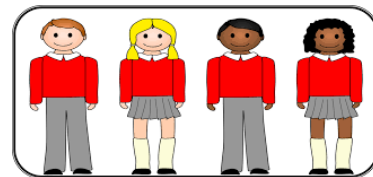
*Offer some together time
There is nothing greater than the joy of spending quality time with others. Take time to put the technology aside and play a game, go for a walk, play in the park or whatever else takes your fancy.*

Share this heart-warming story about the true meaning of community.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE7C4etCqho>

Take time to read Jesus feeds the 5000 on our website [Church Hill C of E Junior School - Koinonia \(churchhill-jun.leics.sch.uk\)](http://ChurchHillCofEJuniorSchool-Koinonia(churchhill-jun.leics.sch.uk))



For those of us with new children to the school in our class, can you make them feel welcome in our Church Hill family? Think about how you would like someone to treat you if you were new and unsure and do this to others.