

Shine a light on...

Koinonia



10th February

COMMUNITY
IS ABOUT DOING SOMETHING
TOGETHER
THAT MAKES BELONGING
MATTER.

Love one another
with brotherly
affection. Outdo one
another in showing
honour. [Romans 12:10](#)

"There is no
power for change
greater than a
community
discovering what
it cares about."

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY



What the
bible says
about
koinonia.

A reminder that our Christian value of 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, this shows the special relationship we have with each other where as a school community, we look after each other and we are welcomed and accepted - no matter who we are.

Throughout this school year, we have begun to introduce the children to the idea of Courageous Advocacy (standing up for a cause that we believe in). This is far more effective, when the community you are part of supports you. The children have written to our local MP Edward Argar to share their thoughts on how we can slow the effects of climate change for COP27 and we have also taken part in Parliament workshops.

Our PSHE lessons and collective worship encourage reflection on how we can empathise with others and work together as a team in order to have less conflict and a more peaceful environment. All of this is 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.

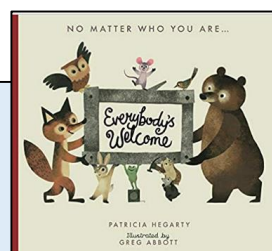
Offer some together time

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. What did you enjoy? Why? How did it make you feel?

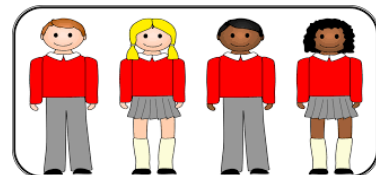
Encouraging others is a great sign that the spirit of koinonia is living in a group of people. What can you do to encourage someone this week? Write about what they were struggling with and how you supported. How did you feel? How did they feel?

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).

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



[Everybody's Welcome](#), written by Patricia Hegarty and illustrated by Greg Abbott - [YouTube](#) Take time to read Jesus feeds the 5000 on our website [Church Hill C of E Junior School - Koinonia](http://churchhill-jun.leics.sch.uk) (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.