

# Shine a light on...

## Koinonia



22<sup>nd</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October

Fellowship is a powerful force that can overcome even the greatest obstacles. When we stand together nothing is impossible. (unknown)

What the bible says about koinonia.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

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.



**It takes a community to raise a child.**

We have seen the importance of koinonia over recent weeks as the world community has rushed to the aid of Morocco, following the devastating earthquake, and then Libya when 2 dams burst and resulted in the worst flooding seen in recent years. If it was not for the immediate response of nations such as the UK, Spain, Qatar and UAE, many, many more people would have been affected.

It is also important for us to think about our school community at this time of year. A new year provides new challenges and opportunities to start afresh. We find ourselves in new classes where, we encourage 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.

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?

Choose one or two of the ideas below to develop koinonia in your local area.

Make treats for a local senior home.



Collect food, warm clothing, toys, or personal care items for the needy to deliver to shelters.

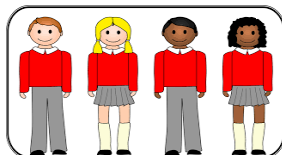
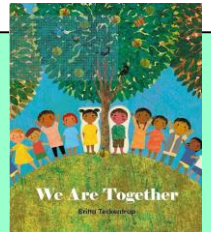


Form a litter patrol on school or park ground.



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 beautiful Picture book being stronger together. [WE ARE TOGETHER | STORYTIME FOR KIDS | READ ALOUD FOR KIDS – YouTube](#) Take time to read Jesus feeds the 5000 on our website [Church Hill C of E Junior School - 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? Keep an eye on the 'buddy bench' and encourage others to join you in your games. Think about how you would like someone to treat you if you were new and unsure and do this to others.