Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. It has been an absolute pleasure to hear all the wonderful stories the children have shared with us. In our Acts of Collective Worship, based on Aspiration, the staff have noted the enthusiasm when the children sing. I certainly missed this over the summer as I feel this is a real strength of the school.

**Meynell Langley Tea Party**

On Friday 13th September, our children were invited, once again, to the Meynell’s family home for high tea and traditional games. This has now been a tradition for Kirk Langley Church of England Primary for over the past 120 years. Once again the pupil’s singing, ‘Together We Can Change the World’ to the family members and their friends, filled the whole house.

**Welcome to new children and staff**

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all of you a special Kirk Langley welcome, and we hope to build strong partnerships between home and school.

We also welcome our new teacher, Mr Will Mayes, who is teaching our Year 2 children. I know you will also welcome him to our school community. Mrs Walker has successfully gained the qualification for Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

**Start of the school day**

When your child arrives in their classroom, at the start of the school day, any slips/forms they may have should be put into their ‘Class Box’. If they bring money into school, this should be in a named envelope, and also placed into the box. The school council will then collect the boxes and take them to the office.
Daniel 12:3
'Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.'

Contact details
As this is the beginning of the academic year, please ensure we have any updated address and telephone numbers.

Curriculum Values
Across the academic year 2019-2020, we know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.
We have started the year further exploring our vision: ‘A School Where Every Child Can Shine.’
Across the academic year 2018-19, we focused on our values of Hope, Wisdom, Dignity and Community. Through these values we aimed for an overarching goal that we were known by our actions. Working in partnership with parents, carers, the church, other schools, the local community and support for our Global neighbours, we finished the academic year with over sixty-nine enrichment opportunities.

To further build on the success of last academic year, we are now focusing on Courageous Advocates of Change. We are committed to all our children in that they are confident to not only have a voice but to feel empowered to make a difference.

School Council
On Friday 20th September, 2019 each class will vote for two Class Councillors to represent them on the School Council. We will also be electing a Change Agents Council.

Jeans for Genes Charity Day
Jeans for Genes Day will help launch the drive for action on Friday 20th September. Pupils can wear jeans, or any denim whilst bringing in £1 to support this cause.

School Improvement
Priorities for further School Improvement for 2019-2020:

- To place Reading at the heart of a broad and balanced creative curriculum.
- To develop the Mathematical depth and fluency of our children.
- To raise the quality of education through teaching, learning and assessment, providing more opportunities to broaden pupil’s experiences.
- To support all pupils to further develop their own personal skills, behaviour and attitudes towards learning.
- To further improve the enrichment experiences and outdoor learning opportunities provide to all our learners.

Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.