To:
Limpsfield Infant School, class R parents 2016-17

7th June 2016

Dear Parents,

I write as your parish priest for Limpsfield to add my warm welcome to the school. I do hope that your child enjoys his or her time with us and that very soon both you and your child feel comfortable and settled in the school community. Like in church, every child and every parent makes a difference. Limpsfield School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided School which means Christian principles and values influence all areas of our school life, honouring the differences and unique gifts of each person and seeking the flourishing of our common life.

There is a strong and developing link between the people of St Peter’s Church, Limpsfield and the school, through governors and regular helpers. The children come to church for special services and visits, and several times each term assembly in the school is led by me or one of my colleagues, Father Matt our Curate, and Reverend Wendy our parish priest for St Andrew’s Limpsfield Chart. The children greet me warmly as ‘Father James’ but ‘James’ is fine for adult conversations!

I am familiar from my own experience with the complexities of young family life and the many different opportunities and pressures which are around for us these days. Nevertheless, I do believe passionately in the value of people of all ages - not least young children with their special gifts and natural closeness to God - gathering to be fed to grow as the people of God, and that this makes a difference to our lives and relationships.

We are growing at St Peter’s and making exciting plans for the future, for Sunday mornings and other times. Our main Sunday services are always at 10am, and all ages are welcome every week. On the first Sunday in the month we all stay together, and on other Sundays our children’s groups (Xplore for school-aged children, Stepping Stones for little ones) go out to the Millennium Room for their special times with bible stories before we come back together for Holy Communion and blessings. Messy Church and Godly Play are also around, so please feel free to try them and join in. You can find a flavour of our worship, plans and community at St Peter’s Limpsfield and St Andrew’s Limpsfield Chart at www.lttm.org.uk.

If you are not already members of a church, please do take the opportunity to consider trying and taking part at St Peter’s or another church near you, such as the Church of England parish churches of St Andrew’s Limpsfield Chart, St Mary’s Oxted and St John’s Hurst Green.

If I can be of any other service to you or your family as parish priest for the school community, please do get in touch with me via any of the options below. I look forward to meeting you and your children soon.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
James Percival, Rector of Limpsfield