A FAN Meeting

When there are new people we read this:

- We like having new people in FAN Groups and we are very glad to see you today.
- We start our meetings on time and everyone reads a line of the opening. Please pass if you don’t want to speak.
- We speak for 3 to 4 minutes about ourselves, our week and the chosen subject.
- It’s easy to forget the time! Don’t worry if you do because someone will hold up a yellow card and then you can finish quickly.
- Everyone listens without speaking until the meeting is closed. We can chat together afterwards.
- The only one who can speak again is the person who starts the meeting.

Opening a FAN Meeting

- We welcome you to this FAN Group.
- The group is for people to meet in friendship whatever their background or religion.
- We come to listen and talk about our daily lives and we hope you will find kindness here.
- We think different countries make the world a more interesting and exciting place.
- We look for the good in every person and country.
- We do not gossip or criticise each other.
- You do not have to speak.
- We listen and do not advise you about your life.
- Anyone friendly is welcome here.
- Can we sit quietly for a moment or two to remember we want the people of the world to live in peace?

Today I am starting the meeting. My name is __________.

“We want FAN Groups in villages and towns of every country so that any local person or newcomer to the area can find a FAN Group and be sure of meeting a friendly face.”