



OIA news

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done everyone for maintaining your enthusiasm for the online learning. We are so proud of everyone; we know how hard this is. We are continually looking at ways to keep things fresh and ensure the children are enjoying and engaging in their learning. They really are all superstars.

There is an additional Friday letter this week explaining all about our 'Well-being Wednesday'. We really hope this day is a success and just what you all need. If your child is in school, don't worry, they will be having a well-being day too.

You will also be receiving a letter around the introduction of the Olney House Teams today. We are really excited to be introducing these at the infant academy and we know that moving forward this is going to be something every special we can share across the infant and middle school; helping us as we continue to work more collaboratively.

It has certainly been a challenging time to take over the headship of OIA, but even in these challenging times, we are continuing to drive the school forward, ensuring we are providing children with the very best education we can. We will never stand still, and we will always strive to be better. One of the things we have been working on as a team, has been to really unpick what it is that makes OIA and our school community so special. Our vision and values are so important, but what they stand for needs to encompass our community and this is where we want your help. We have been looking at our strapline on the website 'happily working together', which we have always stated encompasses our ethos. This is so true but we feel we are so much more than this. What is it that makes us stand out? What is it that makes our provision so inspiring? What is it that makes our educational journey seamless from the infant school to the middle school? As an Early Years and Key Stage One specialist, my number one tip to other professionals is to always start with who the children are, capture their natural curiosity, hook them into the learning and develop their independence. We want a new strapline and we want our values to be built around the word CURIOUS. So, getting you thinking caps on, we need some values that represent who we are with words beginning with c, u, r, i, o, u, s.

We would really appreciate this to be a collaborative effort so your help will be very much appreciated. I'd also love to take this opportunity to gain some feedback from yourselves and would be very grateful if you could take 10 minutes to share your thoughts by completing this [form](#).

Wishing you all a restful weekend; might be snow dance time again!

Sarah Armitage