

# Friday 23 June 2023

## Mid Term 6 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Curiosity

Learning behaviour: Humility

What an amazing start to the last term of this school year. The Big Family BBQ was amazing fun, we hope all the families enjoyed the live band and entertainment. The children have had their class photos taken, (these are available to buy), and the children are getting ready to complete their moving up day (excited to find out who their teacher will be from September). Year 6 are getting very excited about their residential camp and graduation and we have a large number of school trips planned for the last few weeks of term. Please be sure to read the week ahead to find out more.

### We are Humble



A lovely video to help children with the concept of being humble and why it is so important.

Click on the logo above.

### We are Curious



#### Dad "On The Edge"

Musings To Master It All

Some easy steps to help your child become more curious. Embrace their inquisitiveness and understand it is part of their development.

Click on the logo above

### We are Humble



All Pro Dad is on a mission to help men love their family well. Be a hero to your kids and teach by example.

Click on the logo above

## Summer Safety at FVA

We've been loving the recent warm weather and there is nowhere more beautiful than FVA in the sunshine. At this time of year we try to learn outside of the classroom as much as possible.

1. Please put sun cream on your child before school (we will not apply in school).
2. Ensure your child has a hat or cap for playtime or outside learning.
3. Water bottles are essential to keep your child hydrated.
4. Children can wear school shorts or school summer dresses.

Boots and Macmillan Trust have provided this useful website Click [HERE](#)

A website to help keep you safe in the sun.



### Key Dates for your diary

Monday 3 July to Wednesday 5 July 2023	Year 6 Residential Camp
Wednesday 5 July 2023	National Teacher Strike Day—possible disruption
Friday 7 July 2023	Inset Day
Tuesday 18 July 2023	Year 6 Graduation and leavers party
Friday 21 July 2023	Last Day of Term 6—Non uniform day
Tuesday 5 September 2023	First Day Term 1



It is essential that we have your correct email address and mobile telephone number in order to support you.

If you think we may have incorrect contact details, please email [info@fva.clf.uk](mailto:info@fva.clf.uk) to provide us with your correct information

# What you need to know about education penalty notices

Attending school every day helps children and young people maximise their learning and enjoy the benefits of their education. It really does make a difference.

For that reason, the academy will not authorise any leave of absence in term time, unless satisfied the reason is exceptional.

We ask parents and carers to request permission in advance, and only if absolutely necessary. Any requests should be put in writing via the appropriate form available from the main reception and wherever possible with at least four weeks' notice. The parent or carer who the child normally lives with should make the application.

Parents/carers are reminded that unauthorised term-time leave may result in a penalty notice or prosecution.



Click **HERE** for much more information.

## Illness

Pupils should attend school on every day the school is open, unless they are really not well enough to.

Minor ailments should not be a reason for staying at home. If your child attends school when feeling slightly under the weather, do let a member of staff know and we will monitor them and contact you if we think they need to go home. If you aren't sure whether or not to send your child to school, please contact us and we will be happy to advise.

If your child is too ill to attend, you must notify the academy before 9am on the first day of absence. If your child is ill for more than one day, you will need to notify the academy on each morning of the absence, unless otherwise agreed.

To report an absence, contact us by email [info@fva.clf.uk](mailto:info@fva.clf.uk) or telephone 0117 353 2902. Please clearly explain the symptoms your child has, when the symptoms started, and when you expect your child to be well enough to return to school.

By law, schools must record all pupil absences and whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

## Medical/dental appointments

Please try to avoid medical and dental appointments in school time. If this is unavoidable, arrange appointments so the minimum school time is lost. Unless it is an emergency appointment, parents/carers are expected to let the academy know about the appointment in advance, with evidence of the appointment.

## Unexplained absences

The academy will follow up any pupil absences where the parent/carers has not contacted us to explain why, or where we are unclear about the reason for absence.

If you fail to notify us of the reason for your child's absence, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Where the academy has cause for concern about the reason for a pupil's absence, staff may seek additional information or evidence from parents/carers, and/or make a home visit to verify the reason.

Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice or prosecution.

## Arrive on Time

Children should arrive between 8.30am & 8.45am. Arriving at school on time is not only essential for the pupil's own learning, it encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any classroom disruption. Staff may ask to meet with parents/carers of pupils who regularly arrive late to discuss reasons for lateness and explore solutions.



## Preventing Accidents with Children

Hundreds of preventable accidents happen across the UK every day, and a large number involve children and young people. Indeed, in 2017 alone, the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) reported that three children a week died in avoidable circumstances and a further 2,000 were admitted to hospital - raising questions about what more can be done to prevent accidents and keep children safe.

1. Strangulation by blind cords
2. Burning & choking from button batteries
3. Drowning in the bath



If swallowed, button batteries can cause serious injury or death in as little as two hours.

Click [HERE](#) for the full list

# Sad Goodbyes

It is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to two of our teaching staff. Both Miss Buckman and Miss Pring are pursuing new challenges. Miss Pring will remain within the Cabot Learning Federation, joining Minerva Primary Academy as their head of Early Years. Miss Buckman will be joining the NHS where she will be helping young people with their mental health. We know you will join us in wishing them both all the very best for their new roles and their future. Our next newsletter will introduce our new teaching staff who will join us for the start of Term 1

### Miss Buckman—Year 5

The fantastic Frome Vale Citizens who I've taught at FVA have made my time here incredibly rewarding. I'll be sad to say goodbye, but I look forward to taking on different challenges in my new job with the NHS, supporting children and young people with their mental health and wellbeing. I'll miss the school, the lovely staff, but most of all the wonderful children and community who make FVA the special place that it is!



### Miss Pring—Year R

Thank you for your support and encouragement during my time at Frome Vale Academy. I started as a Newly Qualified Teacher, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my five years teaching our youngest Frome Vale Citizens. At the end of this term, I will be moving on to a new role at Minerva Primary Academy. I am excited to still work closely with Frome Vale, as Minerva is also part of the Cabot Learning Federation. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone at FVA, staff, children and families for making each day here an absolute pleasure. Frome Vale will always be a special place to me. Always remember to be kind, be safe and be a Frome Vale Citizen in school and outside of school. I wish you well for the future and hope you have a wonderful summer break.



### Miss Jackman—Year 4

I have loved working at Frome Vale for the past year, however, I am heading off to New Zealand to embark on a new adventure! I look forward to taking all of my Frome Vale memories with me. I have shared countless moments of laughter with both the children and my colleagues, and it has been wonderful to see the growth in the children, not only academically but also as individuals. Year 4 - thank you for a fantastic year, never lose your enthusiasm for learning and remember to be

# Rags to Riches Playground Fund Raiser



We have teamed up with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools and are holding a recycling event to raise funds for our School.

The aim of the project is to recycle as many items of clothing as possible instead of sending them to landfill.

Over the past year the children have learnt a lot about our planet and how recycling can help. This is our way of helping them promote their learning.

## "What happens to the clothes?"

As soon as we receive your bags of old clothes, they are all stacked together to be shipped to various developing world countries. Your clothes are recycled to be reused by the less fortunate via the market traders. This way they have the opportunity to buy and wear clothing, which might not have been possible without your help.

You won't get a better feeling than knowing you not only raised funds, but also helped the economy, environment, and put a smile on somebody's face on the other side of the world - And all you had to do was donate some clothes."



Drop off good condition clothing at school **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> -Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** .

**What do I need to do:** Simply fill the donation bag with any old, unused items of clothing Any donations can be dropped off at the School reception or School Hall. (Please note the cut off for donations will be 0930am Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

## Yes Please



## No Thank you!



FROME VALE ACADEMY

# Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,  
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,  
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.  
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

If you are unsure what to put in the bags  
**STOP AND THINK**  
**WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:  
**Wednesday 5th July 2023**

Please remember - **NO UNIFORM**



# Online Safety

## What Parents Need to Know!

Each newsletter we will provide a helpful fact page on an online game or issue. We know children will want to play online games with their friends and this can be a great way for children to have fun. However as you will be aware with every benefit there is also a disadvantage. Being aware of what these can be will help to keep your child safe.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

### ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

### FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

### LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

### TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

### STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk)) has plenty of useful information and advice.

### REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 556 111.

### Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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# This term's learning at FVA



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Click [Here](#)



**FREE**

# OUTDOOR PLAY SESSIONS

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Free stay & play open access activities aimed at over 8s

Younger children welcome with adult supervision

## TERM TIME:

**MONDAYS 3:30PM - 5:30PM**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:**

**MONDAYS**

**10:30AM - 12:30PM/2.30PM**

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Children's Centre, BS16 2QS

Contact - alys@childrensscrapstore.co.uk for more information



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For Kids aged 7-11

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**MONDAYS 6-7PM**

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For more info or to book, email [katepenningkp@gmail.com](mailto:katepenningkp@gmail.com) or call 07989562926

The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

**Vassall Centre**

## Frome Vale Grassroots Grants



**GOT AN IDEA FOR A COMMUNITY GROUP OR PROJECT?**

**GET STARTED WITH A FROME VALE GRASSROOTS GRANT!**

- ★ We're awarding £10,000 to kickstart projects in the Frome Vale community and to improve opportunities for local people!
- ★ Local people and resident-led groups can apply for up to £1000 to kickstart your own community project or event
- ★ We're looking for ideas of projects, events, groups that tackle five main priorities:
  - ★ Isolation of older people
  - ★ Mental health & wellbeing
  - ★ Youth provision (ages 8+)
  - ★ Food provision
  - ★ Cost of living support

We'll provide you with support throughout the process including: marketing your project; administration support; finding future funding; providing event space and sourcing volunteers.

### ★ HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the Grassroots Grants close on 28th July 2023.

Please apply via the form on our website.

If you'd rather come and meet the team and apply in person, we'd love to meet you for a cuppa! Please email us to arrange this.

Apply Now [www.vassallcentre.org.uk](http://www.vassallcentre.org.uk)

✉ [office@vassallcentre.org.uk](mailto:office@vassallcentre.org.uk)



# Vassalls Summer Fayre

**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE**

**FREE ENTRY!**

**11AM-2PM**

**Come and join us at the Vassall Centre for fun for all the family!**

- ★ Hook a Duck
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Bouncy Castle
- ★ Ice Cream Van
- ★ Local Artisan Stalls
- ★ Delicious Curries

Country band Sweet Surrender performing at 11.30

Amazing interactive Disney Dance Show at 12.30!



**THE VASSALL CENTRE**



**Vassall Centre**

The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ



# FREE After School Play Session!

Thursday 13th July 3.30 - 5.30

@ The Vassall Centre



SCAN FOR FREE TICKETS!

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## LET'S BUILD!

Create the tallest tower, strongest structure, or weirdest shape! Using huge straws and creative art materials, build amazing structures inspired by the shapes you see around you.

## SCRIBBLEBOTS

Make your own creative robot using felt pens and simple circuits. Work as a team, or independently to create your own piece of machine-generated artwork to take home.



Vassall  
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Bristol Avon **RiverBlitz**

RiverBlitz  
7th- 14th July 2023

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**SUMMER BBQ**

FREE BBQ (Halal Options) | DJ | FUN & GAMES

**15 JULY**  
11am to 3pm  
**SATURDAY**

**Delebarre Avenue Green Space  
OLDBURY COURT**

Come, eat, drink, dance and have fun!!

**KIDS Summer CAMP**

**STAPLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

24TH JULY - 28TH JULY 2023  
31ST JULY - 4TH AUG 2023  
7TH AUG - 11TH AUG 2023

**AGES: 5-14 YEARS**

**TIMES: 9:00AM - 3:00pm**

**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED**

**FREE for children on FREE school meals**

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@  
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Eastville Park

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- ✓ Explore a variety of child interests

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**Guide to the top 10 garden birds**

House sparrow: Chestnut-brown stripe on head and neck, Grey cap, Black bib

Starling: Glossy black with yellow and green sheen, Yellow-black bill, Red-brown legs

Blue tit: Blue cap, Yellow breast

Blackbird: All black, Orange-yellow tail

Woodpigeon: Largely grey with a white neck patch

Goldfinch: Red face, Bright yellow on wing

Blue-grey tit: Blue-grey head, Brown back

Chaffinch: Pink underside (male)

Great tit: Shiny black head, White cheeks

Robin: Orange-red breast

Long-tailed tit: Pink and brown back, Long thin black tail

Small tit: Pink and brown back

Source: Photos courtesy of RSPB

One of our children and their adult have recommended an app to download. It is free, and uses AI to identify birdsong in real time.

Click [HERE](#) to download

A perfect way to spend an afternoon in Oldbury Court

The **Cornell Lab**  
of Ornithology



# SUMMER SPORT CAMPS

IMPROVING CHILDREN'S MENTAL, ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL HEALTH THROUGH SPORT



**Minerva Primary Academy The Greenway, Bristol BS16 4HA**

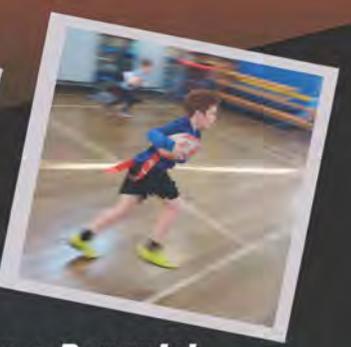
**Monday August 14th- Friday August 18th (Reception to Year 6)**

**Monday August 21st- Friday August 25th (Reception to Year 6)**

**Special DISCOUNT**

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**INDIVIDUAL DAYS £16 - 5 DAY BLOCK £60**

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The PE & Sports Project uses elite level coaching practice, to provide the children with a fun, engaging, successful and positive experience.

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**Children & Parents' Feedback**

100% of parents would recommend our camps to their friends' children

**"You know what I like about you, you take it past the the limits, It's so much fun" Ethan yr 6**

"Just wanted to say thank you for a great 3 days at Cam Woodfields school. My children both thoroughly enjoyed it and were really enthusiastic about the whole experience."

**"We really hope you'll be holding some more sessions in the school holidays. We will definitely be recommending it to friends (already have done!)"**

**Monday August 14th-  
Friday August 18th**

**BOOK HERE**

**Monday August 21st-  
Friday August 25th**

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