



Parent/Carer Bulletin



STOUR VALLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil Day

18 November 2022

Final School Day before Christmas

Break

20 December - [*Early closure at 2pm*](#)

Christmas Break

21 December - 3 January 2023

Non-pupil Day

4 January 2023

Dates for your diary week commencing 21 November:

- *Tuesday 22 November - Purple Day non-uniform to remember and celebrate Haydn Restarick*
- Tuesday 22 November - Reading Ambassadors to Clare Community Primary with Mr Spalding, 1:30-3pm
- Wednesday 23 November - Year 10 football at KEGS, after-school fixture
- Thursday 24 November - School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6, Lunchtime
- Friday 25 November - CEC at Clare Country Park, tree planting session, 9am-12pm

Purple Day

Upcoming Events this November

Monday 21 November

Year 10 & 11 viewing of Quantum Theatre's *A Christmas Carol*, 8:30-10:30am

Tuesday 22 November

Purple Day - Wear purple non-uniform day to remember and celebrate Haydn Restarick



Tuesday 22 November

Year 7EHO and Year 10 Prince's Trust to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm

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Reading Ambassadors to Clare Community Primary with Mr Spalding, 1:30-3pm

Thursday 24 November

KS4 Rewards Evening, 7-8pm

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School Nurse Drop-in session for students in G6, lunchtime

Friday 25 November

Charity cake sale, breaktime

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Climate Emergency Committee, 450 tree sapling planting session at Clare Country Park, 9am-12pm

Monday 28 November

Haverhill Food Bank collection for Christmas commences

Tuesday 29 November

Tuesday 22 November is our first Purple Day, to remember and celebrate the life of Haydn Restarick who sadly died this year. This will be a non-uniform day and students are invited to wear something purple and make a donation, which will be passed on to Addenbrookes Hospital who looked after Haydn. If students wish to take part but do not have anything purple then we are providing free strips of purple fabric to tie to bags or belt loops and ask that students do not buy anything new but donate the money instead.

Year 11 will be taking part in a celebration event on Tuesday afternoon to share memories of Haydn on what would have been his 16th birthday.

We are aware that these events are likely to lead to conversations about death and bereavement. There are resources available on the Wellbeing section of the school website to support all members of the school community in dealing with these difficult issues.



<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/svcs-wellbeing/particular-concerns/bereavement-and-loss>

Parent Feedback Welcomed

As part of our ongoing Quality Assurance, we would like to invite parents to complete a survey on your child's experience in specific subjects in school. This half term, we are focussing on Computer Science. It would be helpful if you could discuss questions with your child whilst completing the survey, which of course, remains anonymous. To access the survey on a computer or mobile, please click on the link below. We would appreciate it if surveys could be completed by no later than Thursday 24 November.

Thank you in advance, *Mrs Stronach, Assistant Headteacher*

<https://forms.office.com/r/7NfrGJ5EjV>

Purple Days Donation Information

As the first of our Purple Days is coming up on Tuesday 22 November, we would like to remind parents and carers that any donations made on this day by students (*and any other non-uniform days*) are to be made in cash via tutor classes/reception, and not via the *donations* service on ParentPay (as this option is for in house school fundraising only). Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 7EHR and Year 10 Prince's Trust
to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm

CEC Tree Planting

On Friday 25 November, members of the CEC will help to plant 450 trees near Clare Country park. Students involved should wear usual uniform but bring outer layers and suitable footwear. Any questions, please email kchappell@stourvalley.org

Parking

We have received an email from a resident asking for your consideration if you are dropping off or collecting your child from the playing fields area in Clare. This is a private road and the grassed areas by the residential properties have become churned up. We would appreciate your support in avoiding those areas.

Vive Canteen Christmas Lunch - 14 December 2022

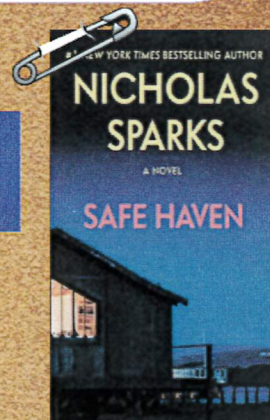
Students will need to pre-order if they wish to have the Christmas Lunch, forms for this purpose are available via their Form Tutor. Please note that the form needs to be completed and returned to the staff in the canteen **by Friday 25 November**. The cost of the lunch is £2.30 and there will be a vegetarian option. Please ensure your child's lunch account is at sufficient funds on Wednesday 14 December, thank you.

Book of the Month

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BOOK OF THE MONTH
MISS TOMPKINS RECOMMENDS....



Suitable
for KS4



A beautifully written story about a woman who finds the strength to escape a life of abuse from her husband. She arrives in a very small South Carolina town and while trying to keep to herself, she ends up building relationships with friendly locals - one of whom she falls in love with; very happy ending!

Sparks really understands people and writes emotions in such a way that you can feel everything, and you don't want to put the book down.

Nearly New Donations

We would like to thank the school community for any generous donations of second hand uniform which have now been added to our *Nearly New Stand*. We are now at full capacity which is great, however, at this time we will be unable to accept any further donations due to a limit of storage space. Should any parents/carers be in need of any uniform, our selection of items are available for a small donation, you need only inform us what pieces you requires and the size! Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Letters & Notices

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Advert_in_Suffolk_Free_Press_2022_1.jpg - *Clare Christmas Fair & Christmas Lights Switch-on*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/our-school/trips-and-visits> - *Trips and visits section of our website*

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-home> - *Letters home section of our website*

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra_Curricular_Timtable_Autumn_Term_2022.pdf - *Autumn Term Extra Curricular Timetable*

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATION.pdf - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news> - Price & Buckland Uniform Orders

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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