

WARMLEY PARK SCHOOL

SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION AND
INTERACTION

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BUILDING WORK

We have had a very exciting week with both Mint and Juniper moving to their new classrooms. The children were all very excited by their new light and airy environment. Photographs will be published in next week's newsletter.

Lisa Parker

BUTTON BATTERIES

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please take time to visit the website below for details about the dangers of button batteries, and the risks they pose to our children's safety. I received the following information in an email this morning:

Today the BBC issues a stark warning about the dangers of button batteries, with coverage on BBC Breakfast, the [BBC website](#) and the 6 O'Clock News. "We need to alert as many parents as possible to the dangers and stop more tragedies."

What's the problem?

If a button battery, particularly a lithium coin battery, gets stuck in a child's throat or gullet, the battery's energy makes the body create caustic soda (the chemical used to unblock drains). This can burn a hole through the throat and lead to serious internal bleeding and death. Lithium coin batteries are the most dangerous as the higher voltage means more energy is released, creating more caustic soda. The reaction can happen in as little as two hours. Button batteries are found in many products that can appeal to young children, including remote controls, nightlights and novelty cards.

http://capt.org.uk/safety-advice/keeping-children-safe-button-batteries?mc_cid=ab204c9fab&mc_eid=6f79ab4309

Please share this information with family and friends so that everyone is aware of the dangers these batteries pose.

Lynne Watkins; Family Support Worker

AUTISM SOUTH WEST CONFERENCE
'REACHING POTENTIAL...'
FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS TOGETHER

Friday 4th November 2016 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Bristol Aerospace Welfare Association (BAWA Club), Filton, BS34 7RG

Costs are:

Schools & Professionals - £140

Integra Inclusion Subscribing Schools - £120

Parents/Guardians/Carers - £40

At this conference you will have the opportunity to...

- Be informed by speakers who are professionals and leading practitioners in the field of autism spectrum disorders.
- Network with professionals and meet parents.
- Find out more information and view resources that will help you in your role.
- Increase your knowledge and skills with a choice of workshops.
- Listen to experts answering your questions....
- Feel empowered to support the pupil/child with ASD in your care.

Agenda:

- *Key Note Speaker*– *Dr Glenys Jones* – School of Education - University of Birmingham.
- Workshop streams for both parents and professionals.
- Lunch/Exhibition – with stands showcasing expertise in Autism. Representatives from local schools, National Autistic Society, Autism Education Trust and stands with resources to support good practice in autism.
- *Key Note Speaker* – *Mr. Dean Beadle* - professional speaker and young person with Asperger's syndrome who will share his experiences of growing up and living with autism.
- Workshop streams for both parents and professionals.
- The afternoon will conclude with an Expert Panel answering questions from the audience.

Further information from Claire.phillips@southglos.gov.uk 01454 868598 Places for the conference are now available to book at, <http://cpd.sgsts.org.uk/cpd Ref Conf/16/343>.

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My name is Jon Troy and I have just started working in Warmley Park School on Wednesdays as a Careers Adviser and Transitions Support Worker. I have been providing careers advice and guidance to young people in special schools for a number of years, through working in careers services in Leicestershire and Somerset, the Connexions service in Bristol and South Gloucestershire Council's Youth Intervention Support Service (YISS). More latterly, I have worked as a Senior Practitioner within South Gloucestershire Council's 0-25 SEN Team. I am available to work with parents and students providing advice and guidance around options after Warmley Park school, either meeting at school, or at home if that's easier. I will also be available in school at IEP Meetings if you would like the opportunity to discuss any concerns around the process of students leaving school. I can be contacted in school term-time on Wednesdays or more directly on: Jonathan.Troy@gmail.com 07401 959 559



INDEPENDENT SUPPORT FOR BRISTOL,
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND NORTH SOMERSET



All Statements of Special Educational Needs are being converted to the new Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP). KIDS offer free and independent support for parents and young people throughout the Education, Health and Care Plan process. We provide guidance and assistance through new EHCP applications and conversions from Statements of SEN. We offer home visits, telephone support, help with paperwork and advocacy during meetings. KIDS will be offering an informal drop-in clinic during the Warmley Park parent's evening on Weds 12th October between 4-6pm if you would like to know more or to register for our support. You can also contact KIDS on 0117 947 6111 or visit www.kids.org.uk for more information.

IEP MEETING'S

Chris Gibbs (South Gloucestershire - Assessment Co-ordinator) will be at the IEP meeting evening on the 12th October 4-6pm to meet with families.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mint & Juniper Class Coffee Morning, 10am	Thursday 29 th September 2016
Chamomile & Oregano Coffee Afternoon, 2pm	Thursday 29 th September 2016
Secondary Coffee Afternoon, 2pm	Friday 21 st October 2016
Primary Coffee Afternoon, 2pm	Friday 4 th September 2016
In-service training day	Monday 31 st October 2016
KS1 Christmas Performance, 10am	Tuesday 13 th December 2016
KS2 Christmas Performance, 2pm	Tuesday 13 th December 2016
Secondary Christmas Performance, 10am	Wednesday 14 th December 2016
In-service training day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Secondary Coffee Morning, 10am	Thursday 2 nd February 2017
In-service training day	Tuesday 2 nd May 2017