

WARMLEY PARK SCHOOL

SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION AND
INTERACTION

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CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

During the summer some of our primary students took part in a creative writing competition. Children from a range of schools across the UK entered the competition. I am delighted and very proud to say that three of our pupils were successful and their stories will feature in the book 'My First Story - South West England!' Well done to Austen for his space story, Liam for his zoo story and Dylan for his pirate story! We should receive a copy of the book in the New Year.

Lisa Hazelwood-Smith



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Thursday 8th December, 2pm

Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday 13th December, 10am

Christmas Performance
Mint and Juniper

Tuesday 13th December, 2pm

Christmas Performance
Basil, Sage, Oregano and Chamomile

Wednesday 14th December, 10am

Christmas Performance
Coriander, Thyme, Tarragon, Sorrel,
Bergamot and Lavender

Thursday 15th December, 10am

Christmas Performance
Kew, Heligan, Tresco and Rosemoor



GREETINGS CARDS

From Monday 7th November, there will be a selection of greetings cards available for pupils to purchase. They have been handmade by students in the Secondary Department and will cost 50p each. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Warmley Park.





National Autistic Society
BRISTOL BRANCH
Super Swimmers Academy

SSA is a new 'club' that launched Saturday 30 January 2016, 6-7pm at Easton Leisure Centre, Bristol and is open to young people of all ages on the Autistic Spectrum. The sessions are – 20 February, 12 March, 16 April, 14 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October, 19 November and 17 December.

The 18 children enrolled on **SSA** are aged 5-15 and have differing degrees of competence in the water. The individual tailored bite size lessons and little groups are with a minimum of three qualified swimming instructors, and our very experienced instructors will develop skills as well as conquer fear or self-doubt and will make learning easy and fun, and fear tactics or force are never part of the lessons. Children will learn and progress at their own rate and move on only after they are ready. They are working towards the STANley International Learn to Swim Programme.

SSA BB has received funding from John Lewis, Cribbs Causeway and Persimmon Homes and with this funding we had a **SSA** logo designed and purchased **SSA** T-shirts, swimming bags and caps for the members. Hopefully these personalized items will give the children a real sense of belonging to a 'real club' as all too often autistic children are excluded from 'normal life and pursuits'. Hopefully they will go beyond what they believe is possible.

One parent said 'Great first lesson. Thank you everyone. He really enjoyed it, had a great time and even made a friend'!

If you would like more information please email Lynda Thomas on SuperSwimmersAcademy@hotmail.com.

Did you know that drowning is the leading cause of death for children and adults with autism? But it doesn't have to be that way.

SSA's mission is to empower every child to be a champion in the water



The deadline for ordering school photographs is Wednesday 9th November. Please ensure that payment is enclosed with your order. Thank you.

PARENT GOVERNOR



Would you like to make a difference? If so, you might like to consider becoming a parent governor, to assist in the decision making processes for the school; ideally we would like someone with financial skills. Meetings are currently held on Wednesday afternoons from 1.15 pm. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Lorna Boyd, Business Manager, on 01454 867272 or email lorna.boyd@warmleyparkschool.org.uk. Thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Children in Need	Friday 18 th November 2016
Christmas Craft Fayre, 2pm	Thursday 8 th December 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
Post-16 Christmas Production, 10am	Thursday 15 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