



Upcoming dates (Opening hours 10am-3.30pm)

Book early to avoid disappointment on 01844 338 380 or bookings@thomleyhall.org
If you are coming with fewer than originally booked, please let us know so we can offer places to others.

- 25th July - 30th August - School holiday activities - See enclosed holiday planner
(Planned closures before & during the holidays - Wed 23rd , Thurs 24th July & Tues 12th August)
- 30th July - Thomley's Annual General Meeting - 7pm. Everyone welcome. Meeting will be held at Thomley.
Please let us know if you plan to come.
- 9th August - Dads day (for Dads & male carers of disabled children) - Mums also welcome.
- 16th August - Family quiet day - Open to disabled children who prefer a quieter day at Thomley, their families and friends. We will limit numbers to 30 children only.
- 30th August - Thomley Olympics (Annual Open Day) & Cycle Track Opening - 11am - 3pm, free admission.

Please be aware that the centre will be completely closed between the 1st-14th September . This is due to the installation of heating and essential maintenance. Consequently there **will not** be an adult day or community day in September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



CYCLE TRACK... HERE AT LAST.



We are delighted to report that completion of the 1km long cycle track is imminent with just the finishing touches to go. The whole project has been a long but exciting journey. If the children are half as excited about the cycle track as they have been about the diggers, then the project will be a big hit! Already, children and parents are out on the track and it is a joy to see that everyone can now freely access and explore our expansive field on their bikes or wheelchairs.

A number of people have asked if they can bring their own bikes to Thomley. The answer is **yes** but the following issues must be taken into consideration before you decide to do so:

- You must make sure your bike is clearly marked with your name.
- You must bring a lock for your bike so you can lock it in the designated area when it is not in use. If left lying around, other children will make use of it.
- Your bike must be safe to use i.e. with fully functioning brakes.
- Please bring and wear your own bike helmets. If not you do so at your own risk.
- Thomley accepts no liability for any damage to your bike, whatever the cause.

We are planning an official opening of the cycle track at 1.30pm on 30th August (our open day). We would love you to join us and the donors who supported this project

Introducing new staff

Many of you will have already met Treena, our new Meeter Greeter. If not, she is likely to be the smiley reception you get at the gate on a Saturday and on occasions during the holidays. She will let you in, sign you in, and show you around if you are visiting for the first time.

We also have two new holiday Playworkers, Chrissie and Sally, and some new volunteers, all of whom you will meet during the summer.

We are hoping to increase the number of male volunteers at Thomley, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please send them our way.

Pre-School Days

8th July

22nd July (+ siblings)

19th August (+ siblings)

16th September

14th October

Teenager Days

(10-19yr olds + siblings)

29th July

26th August

Adult Days

1st July

5th August



People who help us...

Everyone got into the spirit of role play over half-term, beginning with a trip to the health centre to visit our budding young doctors, nurses and vets. Our enthusiastic young farmers made very scary scarecrows which will keep the birds

from eating our new grass seeds on the cycle track. A crimewave then hit Thomley as parents, staff and even the visiting police force found themselves behind bars, with their fingerprints taken and mug shots drawn. Thomley's grass has never looked so lush after children emptied a whole fire engine's sump onto the field. Finally, our builders created elaborate play dens complete with curtains and a book shelf! Another brilliant end to a fantastic holiday. Next up..... 'Thomley Olympics'!



Wish list...

- Cakes for Thomley Olympics open day
- Jam jars with lids
- Small jam jar size prizes for children e.g. party bag type toys
- Adult tombola prizes
- Bikes, trikes, go-carts (in good condition & with fully functional brakes)
- Digital camera (high spec)
- Spare clothes (particularly for older children e.g. jogging bottoms)
- Coloured wool
- 10m extension lead

Thomley evaluation update

We received a total of 134 completed evaluation forms which, at over 20% feedback rate, we thought was amazing and a big complement to Thomley. So, a big **THANK YOU** to all who gave their views. Thank you also for so many wonderfully encouraging and complementary comments, we were very touched.

So now what are we going to do with all the information? Well, firstly we pulled together your comments and ideas, and found many common themes. We then held a big meeting with trustees, staff and volunteers to decide which of your ideas are feasible, and which are less so (e.g. a hot tub and a bar in the field). We then added some of our own ideas to the pot.

Next, we will try to wheedle down the vast pile of ideas into a priority list and work out how we might achieve each of these goals; i.e. what we need to do, what staff we need to do this, and how we will fund it all. All of this will then be compiled into the next 3 year business plan. Once we are clearer on exactly what we plan to do, we will let you know in more detail.... hopefully in the next newsletter.

Amongst all your comments, we found a number of questions which we hope to clarify in the enclosed "Thomley evaluation - Your questions answered..." If there is anything else you would like to know, please do not hesitate to ask.



Greeting cards, shoes & wellies...



As a fundraising venture, Thomley has a wide variety of greeting cards, gift bags and wrapping paper available. You will find these in the kitchen area of the canteen. Please help yourself, put your donation in the pot and help us raise more than the £1,000 we raised last year.

We also have lots of lovely colourful wellies and croc style shoes for sale in the canteen. These come in child and adult sizes, and range from £10.00 to £18.99.



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