

December 2006



Thomley Update - Christmas Holiday Dates:

19th - 23rd December - 10am - 3.30pm

Thomley's Christmas Party is on **Saturday 23rd December** with a **special visit from Santa and his little helpers**. Please see the enclosed holiday planner with details of all the exciting activities and workshops going on throughout the fun-filled week

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE

Haddenham Hand bell Ringers

On **Saturday 9th December** at 11am the Haddenham Hand bell Ringers will be joining us at Thomley. Please book early for the morning session to get into the Christmas spirit with this beautiful bell ringing...

Canteen - we need your help!!!

Although one of the next major developments at Thomley will be fundraising for a new improved canteen, we would like to make our old one look a little bit more special this winter. We would therefore like to invite all our families during their visit to Thomley, to come and paint their handprint onto the canteen walls!!



Please come and take part during December...

Michelle's Farewell

It is with great sadness that this update sees me saying farewell to Thomley. I am moving on to become Manager of the Family House in the new Oxford Children's Hospital due to open in January.

My four and a half years at Thomley have been incredible. I have watched the centre grow from strength to strength with many ups and downs, but with the determination and support from all our wonderful families, Thomley has continued to grow and be the amazing place it is today. I will miss all the families, and friends I have made over the years, but I won't become a stranger, I have promised to pop in and help whenever I can (*you can't get rid of me that easily*)!!! With many thanks, love and best wishes to you all, Michelle x

Please join us on **Saturday 23rd December** to help make my last day one to remember!!!!

Welcome Eve

And also a big hello from Eve Roberts, who joins the Thomley Team as the new Fundraising and PR officer. Eve will be looking to build new sources of income and increase the number of centre users ... any fundraising ideas will be gratefully received!

Eve has seven years experience in fundraising/marketing and comes from the Energy Saving Trust, a national organisation combating the effects of climate change. She is very excited about the Thomley Activity Centre Christmas party and hopes to see you all there ...

From January 2007 we will be introducing a new and improved charging structure. Instead of full/half day rates; we will now be offering a single entrance donation which enables you to use the centre any time between 10am-3.30pm, details below:

Family (2 or more children)	£10
Family Annual Pass	£180
Child	£5
Child Annual Pass	£90
Group	£5 per child
School	£1.50 per hour per child



Warmth at Thomley!!



We have successfully raised funds to insulate the loft spaces in the main play areas and soft play. We are hoping that this will make a huge difference to the temperature in these buildings. This is phase one of a total heating re-vamp, that, as you all know is well needed.

Volunteer Needed

We are struggling to keep our field and outdoor play equipment weed and stinging nettle free; we are looking for anyone with a few spare hours a week to help us in our battle.

Please contact Claire or Milly for further details...



Wish List

- Plug-in power drill
- Plastic storage boxes
- Adult wellies
- Raincoats (all sizes needed)



Disability Participation Project

Throughout December at Thomley, Milly will be asking families for their views on current services in your area and suggestions for improvements. We will feedback any information identified within this consultation to other service providers to help improve services. Your input would be very much appreciated. For further details please contact Milly.

The centre will be closed from 24th December and re-open on Saturday 6th January 2007

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year from all the Thomley Team



Thomley Activity Centre is just 9 miles from Oxford, 14 miles from Aylesbury and 3 miles from M40 junctions 8 and 8a

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