



Revision of recommended donations



Some of you may have heard a rumour or two about adjustments to our recommended donations. We would love to keep these at the current rate however recommended donations cover just 13% of Thomley's running costs. The alterations are based on comparisons with similar service providers.

We therefore have made the following changes: -

Families with disabled children:-

- £8 for 1 child per day

- £16 for 2 children per day plus £4 per every extra child (Direct family)

Families without disabled children:-

-£10 for 1 child per day

-£20 for 2 children per day plus £5 per every extra child (Direct family)

Families attending on a Pre-School day:-

-£8 for 1 child per day

-£16 for 2 children per day plus £4 per every extra child (Direct family)

Groups and Schools:-

-£8 for every child

A recommended donation of £2 per child per half hour in the sensory room

Please note

- ◆ We ask for a half price donation for children under the age of 2; including babies. Although The minimum entry request for one child/ family is £8 regardless of their age.
- ◆ Thomley reserves the right to prioritise bookings for any reason that we believe fair.
- ◆ For birthday party and annual usership recommended donations and packages please see the attached form.

Christmas Craft Fair

The Craft fair is scheduled for Saturday November 12th between 11-3pm.

Anyone wishing to buy their Christmas gifts or cards feel free to come have a look at the various stalls, enjoy the hot food and drinks or maybe try your luck in the raffle.



We have an open gate for the day so no need to book!

For stalls please contact Lynn on lynn@thomleyhall.org



Dads Day - Calling all Dads!

Unfortunately we had only one family book in for the upcoming Dads Day on September 25th...We therefore have had to cancel the day. We will however start taking bookings for November 20th now! So please all you Dads out there book in! Feel free to bring your friends and their children too! Any suggestions or requested activities for the day can be submitted to Adam on adam@thomleyhall.org.



Upcoming dates

Open 10am-3.30pm

Pre-School Days

11th October

8th November

Adult Days

29th September

4th October

20th October

1st November

Quiet Days (Max 30)

24th September

29th October

Teenage Day

24th October

Community Day

1st October

5th November

Dads Day

20th November

Home Education Day

28th September

12th October

9th November

October half term

Monday 24th - Saturday

29th October

If your booking changes, please let us know.

Fundraising Officer - £22,000 - £27,000 depending on experience (Full-time, flexible hours negotiable)

Thomley is seeking a self-starting a fundraiser with a proven track record and great initiative. You will build existing and new sources of funding from individuals, schools, community networks, clubs, local companies and help develop a legacy programme. This highly rewarding role will place you at the heart of Thomley's growth as we move towards our 10th Anniversary in 2012.

Youth Worker – £18,000 - £22,000 depending on experience

This entirely new post will support the development Thomley's new provision for disabled teenagers. This role may initially involve research and planning for this new programme but will evolve into preparation and supervision of social, life skills, healthy living or early vocational activities for young disabled people. NVQ Level 2 or equivalent is essential. Experience of working with young disabled people is also a requirement.

See job descriptions & application form on: <http://thomleyactivitycentre.org/about-us/staff-vacancies/> or contact Stan on stan@thomleyhall.org or 01844 338380.

Congratulations and welcome!

Dawn recently went on maternity leave and last week gave birth to baby George! Congratulations to Dawn, Mark and Bess and of course the newest member of the family!

With Dawn leaving us for 6 months we have recruited Lynn Saunders as her maternity cover. Welcome Lynn! Lynn will be organising the play work activities in Dawns absence.

She had this to say:-

"I am delighted to be joining the team, I look forward to meeting all the families that I am yet to meet".



October half term

You can now book in for October half term. We are open from Monday to Saturday, the Monday being Teenage Day (10+), the Friday being community day and the Saturday being a Quiet day. Please contact joe@thomleyhall.org or call the office to book your places.

Booking is **essential**.

See the planner for the weeks activities.



Summer holidays

Six weeks crammed with lots of fun in the sun!...Well, more fun than sun! The lack of sun didn't stop all **1,679** children coming and enjoying the vast range of activities on offer, in what was Thomley's busiest summer ever! Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you enjoyed the bubbles, inflatable football, face painting, drumming and numerous other activities as much as we did. The launch of the new teenage facility also proved to be very popular, please continue to spread the word of our new facilities!



Cancellations



The majority of families cancelled visits and notified us over summer...Thank you! You enabled us to go through waiting lists and maximise Thomley's income.

Unfortunately, we had a couple of days towards the end of summer which let us and our families down...For example one Friday, we had **70** children booked in, and had turned away **20** people on a waiting list...We ended up having only **30** attend..For those who didn't pick up the phone and leave us a message, this is very frustrating, please make note of any dates you book and notify us if you can't make it in future.



Peter Andre-helping hands!

Many of you saw us on ITV2 with Peter Andre hosting the 'Here to help' series...Thomley featured for a couple of minutes with some great national coverage. We would like to thank the Visual Impairment Service for their co-operation and hope that they enjoyed meeting Peter as much as some of the parents!!



Wish list...

If you can tick anything off our list, please call the office or email us! All donations are welcome, but please be sure they are in working order.

- Parasols
- Plastic animals
- Clothes for teenagers
- Headphones
- Bed sheets
- Sturdy sand pit toys
- Plastic storage boxes
- Sturdy wooden picnic tables
- 4-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- 2-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- Junk modelling materials
- Large marquee!
- Adult jogging bottoms
- String
- Wooden spoons
- Blank CD's
- DVD's
- Tin foil
- Chalk board
- Cat Collar bells
- Music CD's - Children's songs

Home Education days at Thomley

A new term begins and Thomley are welcoming all Home Educated children back fortnightly; with the next date being on Wednesday 28th September. We invite you to the morning meeting starting at 11:30am and to join us in the kitchen for a cooking workshop from 1pm.



To book please email joe@thomleyhall.org or call the office.

Makaton training for parents and professionals

For all details of courses to be held at Thomley, please see the attached **Parent Newsletter**.

2012 dates

For all focus days for the following year please check the website in early October.

Maintenance week

A massive thank you to everyone that gave their time and support to Thomley through our maintenance week...A lick of paint and a mass tidy up has got the site looking fresh for the new term. Thank you for your continued support.



Lost property clearance

Any lost property not claimed by the end of September will be either given to a charity shop or be kept as spare clothes for Thomley use. Please check the box by the soft play area if you think you've left something behind.



Facebook

Please continue to support us through Facebook! Write on our wall; post photos of your times at Thomley; and 'LIKE' the page if you haven't already!



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