



Happy New Year!

Christmas is over, and Thomley has re opened for the new year...

For any bookings please contact Joe on bookings@thomleyhall.org or call the office.

For fundraising enquiries please contact Harriet on fundraising@thomleyhall.org.

For all other enquiries please email enquiries@thomleyhall.org

Dawn is returning!

Dawn will be back at Thomley on a part time basis from the end of February. However she has decided to come back as a playworker rather than in her previous senior role. She will work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays...Welcome back!

Job Vacancy...

Senior Playworker - Full time (Tuesday to Saturday) Salary £18,000 - £22,000 depending on experience

Thomley is looking for a dynamic, experienced and committed individual to coordinate the playwork team in planning and delivering inclusive play opportunities for disabled children and their friends. Your work will have a major emphasis on sports and physical activities but will also focus on sensory art & craft, social activities, imaginative play and life skills etc.

NVQ Level 3 or equivalent is essential. Experience of planning and supervising creative, active and inclusive indoor and outdoor play activities.

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

Thomley is under-represented by male Playworkers, we therefore welcome male applicants.

Closing date for applications is 5th February 2012.

Welcome to Harriet and Anna

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the Thomley team; Harriet (left) as our new Fundraising Officer and Anna (right) as our new Youth Worker.

Harriet had this to say, *"I have come to work at Thomley after working at Oxfam, where I worked in various fundraising and marketing roles. I'm keen to get to know as many families and visitors as I can over the coming months, so I can begin to understand more about what Thomley is able to offer disabled children, their friends and families. I am also particularly keen to speak to visitors who have contacts with any local schools, community groups or companies that may be able to support our work. If you have any fundraising contacts or ideas for me please don't hesitate to get in touch".*

Anna has returned to her grass roots after spending the last ten years in Liverpool, and had this to say, *"I have the exciting new role to further develop the teenage provision here at Thomley. I previously coordinated a project supporting disabled children & young people. I will be consulting with Thomley teenagers to ensure that the new provision is created by them and caters for their needs. Please make sure you introduce yourself to me, and I will be happy to talk through any ideas you have!"*



Upcoming dates

Open 10am-3.30pm

Pre-School Days

31st January

28th February

13th March

Adult Days

7th February

6th March

Adult Transition Day

24th January

21st February

Quiet Days (Max 30)

28th January

25th February

Teenage Day

21st January

15th February

Community Day

4th February

3rd March

Home Education Day

25th January

8th February

22nd February

7th March

February half term

Monday 13th - Saturday

18th February

Dads Day

18th March

If your booking changes, please let us know.

February half term

Please email joe@thomleyhall.org or call the office to book your place for the upcoming February half term. Please note that the Wednesday is a teenage only day (10+), the Thursday is a Group Day and the Friday is a Community Day. For all activities please see the enclosed planner.

Easter Bank holiday weekend

In previous years Thomley has closed during the bank holiday Easter weekend. We asked in an earlier newsletter whether families would find it beneficial for us to open on this weekend for 2012 although we had very little feedback. We have therefore decided to open on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, and Monday 9th April. **But** if we are unable to fill at least 30 spaces on each day then we may have to cancel them; we will notify families a week before if we have to enforce this. You may book for Easter when the March newsletter is released.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!



We need you to contact Joe or Hayley and let us know what you would like



Thomley to offer families for 2012. We would like to offer opportunities such as parent training, discussion groups, and re establishing a family support network. To do this we feel we should have as many of you involved as possible and would welcome your ideas and support. Any parents looking to lead key events should contact Hayley on Hayley@thomleyhall.org.



Christmas holidays



Finally Santa made it to Thomley for Christmas and we managed to open for the whole week without the weather rudely interrupting!! We had **230** children visit us over the week, thank you all for joining in the Thomley festivities!

Annual Usership

For those visiting Thomley regularly e.g. on pre-school days, adult days or Saturdays, you could sign up for one of our usership packages so that we can plan into the future knowing how often you intend to come.

With a usership package, we suggest even lower recommended donations which could be made either monthly by direct debit, or as a one off donation by cheque. Many families are already enjoying this option and we encourage you to do the same!

For information on which usership would suit you best, please contact Joe on 01844 338380 or email him on joe@thomleyhall.org

Recommended donations

Just a reminder to all families that Thomley only asks for a *recommended* donation towards the cost of your visit. We are not charging a fee - the last thing we want is people to feel they can't afford to come. Thomley is a charity and fundraises wherever possible so that we do not have to charge you the going rate.

Our suggested donation represents less than 12% of the full cost incurred by the centre, per child, however the remaining £52 does have to be found somehow!

If you have any suggestions regarding recommended donations, please email joe@thomleyhall.org before the end of half term.

Wish list...

All donations are welcome, but please be sure they are in working order, and to notify us before bringing anything to us.

- Pressure washer
- Pool cues
- Gym equipment
- Woodwork tools
- Headphones
- Bed sheets
- Drum kit
- Sturdy wooden picnic tables
- 4-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- 2-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- Large marquee!
- Bicycles and tricycles
- Blank CD's for art and craft
- Chalk board
- Nintendo Wii games
- X Box Kinect games
- Teenage DVD's
- Office chairs



Fancy owning a signed Manchester United football?

Danson Park Lodge will be accepting sealed bids - all proceeds will be donated to Thomley Activity Centre. If you're interested, send a note of your maximum bid and your contact details in a sealed envelope to: Mrs and Mrs William Flint, Danson Park Lodge, 59 Park Crescent, Erith, Kent, DA8 3EA - bids must be received by 24th March

Reminders

Lost property

We will be clearing out the lost property bucket very soon, so please contact us if you think you have left something behind. The deadline is January 31st when we will take anything left to the charity shop.

Comments box

There is a comments box at reception for any anonymous feedback you would like to give regarding the service we offer. Please let us know what we do, and don't do well.

Important on site information

Please take a moment of your time to glance your eyes over the Important On Site information for 2012

Are your details up to date?

Help us to keep up to date, have you changed your phone number? Your address? Or have you had another child?!

Please let us know so we can amend our records.



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