



October half terms dates

23rd - 27th October - 10am - 3.30pm



Over the half term, Thomley will be celebrating the completion of 3 long awaited projects. Activities will focus on the official opening of each room. (Please see planner for details of activities). Don't forget it's also Halloween!

Music room - with new instruments. The music room has moved to a new room with great views across the field.

Chill-out / reading area - with comfy beanbags and sofas, this room is for children and their parents to relax together. Children's books and parent resource books will also be available in this room.

Computer room - with touch screen computers, switch friendly programmes, simple games and 'living books'. N.B. It does not yet provide access to the internet. Due to the fact that this is just the first phase of our ICT project, we currently recommend that it will be of more interest to younger children and those with greater learning needs.

Book early to avoid disappointment on 01844 338 380 or bookings@thomleyhall.org

Please be aware that if you are coming with fewer than originally booked, let us know so we can offer places to others. We would also like to remind you that children must be supervised at all times.

Dates for your diary

17th November - Teenager day (for 12-19 year olds) - I-VAN

Many families have asked what happens at Thomley when their child gets to the age of 16. In response to this, we are initiating teenager days which are designed for 12-19 year olds, plus their siblings. This will enable families to relax knowing that there will not be tiny tots around. We plan to offer teenage appropriate activities or workshops, the first of which will be the **I-VAN** on 17th November.

The **I-Van** is a mobile multi-media ICT studio. This converted van is a new project which is seeking our support to try out their equipment and recommend how it can be made fully accessible for all users. (N.B. it is currently not wheelchair accessible). Visitors to the van can get involved in experiencing music or comic creator depending on the level of interest in either. Please let us know by 1st November if you would like to take part. If there is not enough interest, we will need to cancel as they are kindly offering this free of charge.

1st December - Thomley Christmas Craft Fair (11am-3pm).



Come and join us for our first ever Christmas craft fair, where everyone is welcome. It will be free admission and an open (but supervised) gate. As a sneak preview, these colourful wellies will be on sale, with a large proportion of profits donated to Thomley. So, look no further for your Christmas presents! If you or your friends would like to hold a stall, please contact us for more details.



Tescos sports vouchers

Please, please, please collect Tescos sports vouchers on our behalf so we can buy a new parachute!

Wish list...

- Video camera
- Portable CD player
- Children's books
- Books for the parent resource room; i.e. useful books you would recommend to other parents

2007 dates

Pre-School Days

13th November

11th December

Adult Days

6th November

4th December



Summer at Thomley?

Our summer activities revolved around the theme 'Fantasy & Fairytale'. Each week was packed with all kinds of exciting adventures. Children got the chance to plant their own beanstalk, dual with a gladiator, make their own super hero T-shirts and masks, dress up as pirates (staff too!) and concoct mad science experiments.



Over the summer, our toddler days took off with a storm as we went on our own pirate ship adventure to find hidden treasure! We also journeyed to outer space in our multi-sensory music and movement sessions.



The atmosphere over the summer was buzzing. Thomley received a record number of children, with a staggering 1,102 visiting during the school summer holiday, a 50% increase from last summer. From our experience this year, we recommend that all families and groups book early during holiday times to avoid disappointment.



On July 14th, Thomley celebrated its 5th birthday on a miraculously sunny day. Children enjoyed all kinds of games including pass the parcel in true party style. We were delighted that the day raised over £1,000, so thank you to all who took part. Also in July, we received a visit from Boris Johnson MP who took considerable time talking to families and braved the zip wire for our entertainment!

Site development update

Thomley's sensory room is getting better and better with addition of a vibrating mattress, a foot and hand massager and a new cosy sheepskin lined hanging chair. Each new item seems to be a hit!

Notice board

Revision of recommended donations for pre-school days - From September 2007, recommended donations for preschool days have been increased to match those paid by all other visitors. These will be £5 per child or £10 per family (i.e. 2 or more children from the same family). N.B. We do not request a donation for children less than 2 years of age; however we do request a minimal donation of £5 per family.

Revision of recommended donations for birthday parties - With effect from 1st January 2008, parties of up to 20 children will be £70 for 2 hour parties or £90 the whole day. Please call the office for more details on birthday parties.

Borrowed books - We are in process of redesigning our library system so to make it more user friendly and enable us to retrieve borrowed books. We currently have 40 missing and would be very grateful if you could return any you have borrowed!

Learning group - We have had offer of a facilitator who could run a regular club to discuss topics such as railways, transport, history or current affairs for example. Please let us know if your child would be interested in joining.

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