



## Upcoming dates (Opening hours 10am-3.30pm)

19th - 23rd Feb - February half-term. See holiday planner for details of activities.

1st March - First ever Thomley dad's and male carers' day. See enclosed flyer for more details.

21st - 22nd March - Closed for Easter

Book early to avoid disappointment on 01844 338 380 or [bookings@thomleyhall.org](mailto: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.

## Thomley welcomes a new member of staff - Cecilia Guntrip

"I am pleased to introduce myself as the Finance and Admin Officer at Thomley. You may have seen me around the site over the past year or so as a Mum and also as a volunteer. From the very first time I came here I was struck by the friendliness and special feeling of the place and I am so pleased to have joined the team! Please pop your head around the door of my office next to the Art room to say hello!"

## On the subject of new staff...

We are still looking for **Playworkers** and a **Meeter Greeter** who can help us out during busy times i.e. school holidays and occasional Saturdays. Please let us know if you are interested. Call Claire or Milly on 01844 338380 for further details. Please spread the word...

### Onsite information

Please see our updated "*Onsite Information*" printed on the back of the "*Important Dates for 2008*" sheet. We encourage you to read this so we can make a combined effort to ensure the health and safety of all Thomley visitors. If you would like more health and safety information, please ask the office to see a copy of our risk assessments or policies and procedures.

### Pre-School Days

12th February

11th March

8th April

### Adult Days

5th February

4th March

1st April

### Wish list...

- Folding tables
- Dolls
- Dolls' clothes
- Children's dressing up clothes
- Old silk scarves



## CAN YOU HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR THOMLEY BY DONATING YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES?

Thomley will receive £3 for every mobile phone collected, of any age and condition and for every 100 mobiles we will receive an additional £100 of vouchers.

Foneaid guarantee that every phone is either reused in developing countries or recycled and in addition 100% of the phones collected are diverted from landfill sites where they can cause serious environmental problems.



## Thomley Christmas & New Year holiday update

As always Santa and his helpers, along with Thame Festival Choir, joined us for our annual Christmas party. With our party proving to be as popular as ever, we also attempted some festive cookery sessions with gingerbread men and peppermint crèmes galore!! We then gently eased families into the New Year by offering relaxing aromatherapy massage sessions to children and their parents. Our Eco-workshop transformed the old into new by recycling bygones into treasures... we wish we had a picture to show you of the grooviest restyled lampshade you'll ever see! You'll be pleased to hear that 2008 will be just as exciting as we cook up a storm for our next half term weather project!!

## We would like your ideas to help us make Thomley toilets more accessible!

Our toilets, changing area and shower room are not as accessible as we would like them to be. To address this, we are entirely rethinking the space we have available. We need your input to make sure we get it right. You can give your feedback verbally or on our consultation sheet in the toilet area.

Our initial thoughts are as follows:

- 2 child-sized toilets (unisex)
- 2 adult-sized toilets (unisex)
- 1 wheelchair accessible toilet (with grab rails)
- 1 large wet room (which will include a fully accessible toilet, changing bed and shower)
- 1 hoist in the wet room (we need your advice on this as to which is most reliable and user-friendly; a ceiling tracked hoist or a manual hoist).



## Project update

**Communication board** - Our long awaited communication board will hopefully be in place by summer! Its aim will be to facilitate the use of symbols and visual timetables at Thomley, so all children will have more opportunities to express their needs and choice of play activity.

**Cycle track & sandpit** - very soon we will soon have enough funds for both these projects and we hope to have them installed by late summer.

**Canteen** - we have not yet received any money for the feasibility study for the canteen refurbishment project... but we haven't given up... watch this space!

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