



During the summer break we will be open
EVERY Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am - 3.30pm

In addition to all of our usual facilities, we will be organising games and art and craft activities around 'Transport!' We will also be welcoming various means of transport on the following days:

A FIRE ENGINE

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

THE OXFORDSHIRE SENSORY BUS

Saturday 16th August - its FIRST ever appearance in the UK!!

Be the first to explore its bubble tubes, coloured projectors, vibrating bean bags, optic fibre lighting and UV lighting!!

A HELICOPTER FROM RAF BENSON

One Tuesday or Thursday in August (we will know 2 days in advance) - sorry we can't be more exact!! Please phone the office to check

A POLICE CAR FROM THAMES VALLEY

To be confirmed. Please phone the office to check

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES.....

T-shirt Painting: 31st July and 14th August (please bring your own T-shirt)

Hamma Bead Designing: 2nd, 12th and 28th August

Parachute Games: 7th and 19th August

Relay Races: 29th July and 26th August

Thomley Bring and Buy: throughout the Summer - come and have a browse...

Body Shop Beauty Days: 22nd July and 5th August

Usbourne Book Sale: 7th, 13th and 26th August



Soft Play Room

Just after I'd sent the last newsletter out, we succeeded in securing a staggering £40,000 (from BBC Children in Need and South Oxfordshire District Council) to install an amazing soft play room and ball pool area in the end section of our barn! All being well, the necessary work will get underway at the beginning of the new academic year—perfect timing for the wet and windy months! So, watch this space!



Easter Egg-stravaganza

Over the Easter holidays Thomley Activity Centre saw much egg-citement and had in egg-cess of 100 Easter eggs to give away, all thanks to the Co-op and Sainsbury's. More than 100 children made floppy bunny cards, iced their chocolate Easter Eggs, guessed the number of eggs in the jar (well done Rebecca Webster!!), made stained glass egg-shaped windows and helped Bertie the Clown with two Easter Egg hunts!

Educational Activities



A massive thanks goes to Andrew Denham who has volunteered one day a week this summer term to enable our educational activities to continue with groups of pupils from local schools. Andrew is a qualified teacher, is studying for a Masters in SEN and will be off on 4 months of travelling over the summer - my fingers are crossed that we'll see him again early in the new calendar year...

He has done an absolutely amazing array of activities, including: T-shirt painting, vegetable growing, a marble maze challenge, robot junk modelling, orienteering, mural painting, cake

decorating, a rubbing challenge, wind-powered cars, a newspaper ladder challenge and a test of everyone's balance on the assault course with cups of coloured water!! We have welcomed most of the Chinnor Resource Units, a couple of classes from Mable Prichard School and John Watson School, a group from Kingfisher School, and more recently, a group from Iffley Mead School.

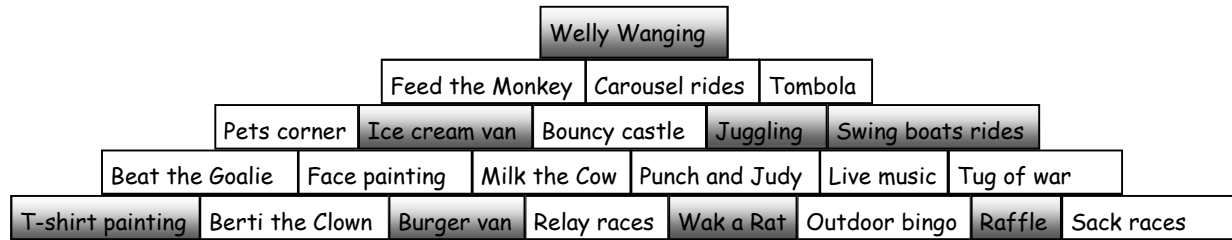


Thomley Family Fun Day

Sunday, 7th September, 11am - 4pm

Open to everyone - so bring all of your relatives and family friends also! No Entrance Fee

Our **BIG** thanks go to The Thame Lions for organising this event!



Thomley's Try at Thame's 10k



On Sunday 29th June, 15 runners and wanna-be runners put their best foot forward and headed out on Thame's 10k Road Race in aid of Thomley. Rather apprehensively, I was one of the wanna-bes!! A huge thanks goes to everyone who participated, in particular, to parents Cathy and Paul Green for completing the 10k and to Matthew McCarthy and Ben Fox who successfully completed the kid's fun run!! Having **raised between £800 and £1,000**, our efforts were most certainly worth it! Having never run in my life and having been at a hen night the previous evening, it really was a recipe for disaster. However, 1 hour 1 minute later I tumbled over the finish line with Berti the Clown by my side!! If anyone would still like to sponsor us you can find an online sponsorship page which enables us to claim an extra 28p for every £1 donated at: www.justgiving.com/thomley

Charity Golf Day

Back in May, golfers at Weston Turville raised £2,500 for Thomley Activity Centre and John Watson School at a fundraising tournament. The golfers played 18 holes in a "Texas Scramble" format and were supported by corporate sponsors, including Conway Security Products, National Westminster Bank, Corporate Express Office Supplies, Aylesbury Honda and the golf club itself which proved most generous. A huge thanks goes to all of the players and to parents Gail Hanrahan and Clare McCarthy for making it happen!

"We always talk after the event about how easy it is for us to turn up, have a great day and raise such a decent amount of money for such great causes. I know that my friends who play almost have a sense of guilt that by doing something they love they can make such a difference. I hope we can continue to do so into the future." *Chris Newman*



Sensory Garden at Thomley...

All thanks to the Ministry of Defence's Graduate Recruitment Scheme, we have been awarded £9,000 and lots of 'man' power to build a sensory garden at Thomley! We would like to get lots more people from the local community involved in this project (end of Sep./beginning of Oct this year); so, whether you have expertise or enthusiasm in sensory gardens, please give me a call in the office on (01844) 338 380.

WISH LIST and THANK YOU...

We are always grateful for donated items and whilst they may seem trivial or a load of rubbish (literally speaking), to us they are an invaluable resource for art and craft activities. Please keep them coming in!

A BIG thanks goes to Lucy Green for raising £133.10 at Headington Junior School with a Guess the Name of the Teddy and Number of Sweets in the Jar competition!! It would be great to hear from anyone interested in organising a fundraising event for Thomley Activity Centre...

Loads of new equipment!

All thanks to a £4,500 grant from the Equitable Charitable Trust for educational resources, we've been able to purchase loads of new sports equipment with some of the money. In perfect timing for the summer, its all just arrived!! Next time you're up at Thomley you'll be able to:

- Run a hurdle race and relay races with hoops, bean bags and quoits
- Play Kwik Cricket and parachute games
- Play hop scotch on the sequencing spots
- Throw and catch tail balls, airflow balls, rubber balls, foam balls and rugby balls



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