



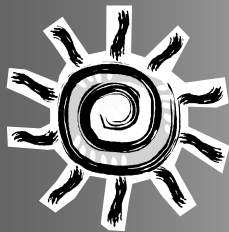
June Half-term

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10-3.30pm

Activities you'll find yourself doing...

- Making your own photo-frame (please bring a photo with you)
 - Moulding your hands/feet with Mod-Roc
 - Making spring collages

Please book in advance



Summer Holidays

See the calendar for opening days and planned activities

Activities you'll find yourself doing...

- Filming workshop with 'Thame Video For All'
- Music workshops with 'Soundabout'
 - Bouncy castle and Sports Days
 - Candle and Badge making
 - Hamma beads

Please book in advance

Please note: the number of places will be limited for the Sports Days and the Filming and Music workshops. Places must be booked in advance and will be offered on a first-come first-serve basis.

What's been happening...

Record number of visitors: Thomley welcomed a record number of visitors over February half-term and the Easter holidays; so much so that we had to turn families away for the first time because we hit our capacity of 60 children! Hope you all enjoyed making your rain-sticks and maracas and doing the Easter Egg Hunt—a joint venture with Oxon Playbus to celebrate their 25 year anniversary.

Adult Day: For the past three months, Thame's Education Day Service has helped us get our 16+ Day off to an excellent start. On the 1st Tuesday of each month their clients have visited Thomley to decorate plant pots, pot pansies, paint T-shirts and make a very eye-catching Welcome Board.



Nice and new...

Sensory Wall: Our sensory wall, built by a group of volunteers from HBOS in Aylesbury, is a fantastic addition to Thomley - its not every day that you see Wellingtons, place mats, shower scrunchies and pebbles stuck to brightly coloured boards! Not only is it incredibly visual, but for visitors who have visual impairments, it is also very tactile with its smooth, rough, cold and bobbly textures and can be used for points of reference (i.e., sink plugs by the toilets, crayons by the craft room and CDs by the music room)



Swings and roundabout: In perfect time for the summer, the installation of a wheelchair accessible roundabout, two bucket swings, two flat-seat swings and a bed swing is complete. This is the first piece of a much larger jigsaw to make our 5 acre field into a fully accessible adventure playground. Children who have used it already have given it a big thumbs up!

Funding Update...

The Thomley Team has officially increased to 2! It was with absolute excitement/pleasure/relief/happiness that Michelle was welcomed back at the beginning of April. All thanks to The Sobell Foundation, she has three and half days per week secured for the next three years. And, as we currently search for match funding, we hope to get her hours up to full-time asap!

Just what we've been waiting for...

We have booked the installation of the Soft Play Room and Ball Pool for the week commencing 12th July. However, the District Council still hasn't given us the thumbs up for Listed Building Consent - they are concerned that this facility will result in a loss of character of the building. We're doing all we can to resolve the matter.

Get involved...

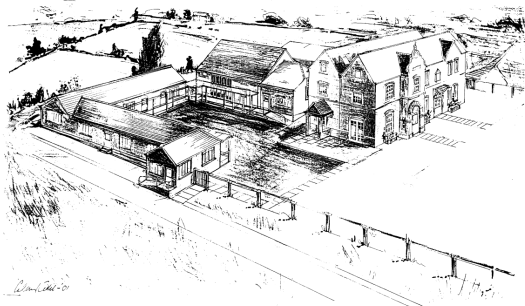
Last year, we raised £1,000 in Thame's 10K Road Race. Could you run it this year on 27th June and help us beat last year's total? If so, call the office on (01844) 338 380 for a sponsorship form and more details.

F.R.O.T.H.

Could you spare a few hours each month to help organise small local fundraising initiatives? If so, Friends and Relatives of Thomley Hall would love to hear from you. Please call the office on (01844) 338 380 for more information.

Trustees of Thomley would like to take this opportunity to invite you to their **Annual General Meeting on 23rd June 2004, at Thomley, 6.30pm for 7pm. Refreshments will be provided.**

Thomley College opens its doors!



Thomley Hall College is an exciting new venture providing training and education for young adults 16-25 years who have ASD. The College is housed in the 18th century manor house and is Phase II of the Thomley Hall Centre. The programmes on offer to the students include horticulture, woodwork and catering which form part of the main programme "Towards Independence". The College has its formal opening on **Wednesday 9th June between 2pm and 8pm**, the formal opening ceremony will be at 4pm. All are welcome!
Principal, Kevin Richmond MBE (01844) 338 475

Enrolment Forms...

In the last Thomley Update, we issued a new Enrolment Form for you to complete. We have had to update the form to meet the requirements of some of our funders. Even if you have completed an Enrolment Form previously, please could you still fill in the new one and return it to us so that our records are accurate for future funding reports. Many thanks!

Gift Aid...

Each time you visit Thomley, we ask for a recommended donation.

At no extra cost to you,

your one-off **£10 donation could become £12.80** or

your annual **£60 donation could become £76.80.**

Providing you're a regular UK tax payer and have completed a Gift Aid form you could help make a significant difference for Thomley. Please ask the office for a Gift Aid form.

Closure for Maintenance...

Week commencing 14th - 25th June 2004. **However, we are open on Saturday 19th June.**



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