



Additional Adult and Toddler Day each month

We are now opening for an additional Toddler and Adult day per month. With Toddler Days being so busy, a 2nd day each month will give everyone a fair chance to book in. These additional days are to be held on Thursdays, which we hope will benefit services and groups unable to attend on a Tuesday... So hopefully we will see some new faces too! For all forthcoming dates, please see the amended "Dates for 2011" attached. There will be a few months throughout the year where we can't offer an additional day; so please make sure to check the dates.... and remember booking is essential.



Job vacancy – Cleaner

20 hours per week, job share will be considered

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lorna Skelcher for keeping Thomley spick and span for 4½ years. Although Lorna will no longer be Thomley's cleaner, we are delighted to tell you that she is not leaving us altogether and will continue her role as a Playworker.

Thomley is therefore looking for a new cleaner. Although the job details are not finalised, we anticipate that this role will be 20 flexi-hours per week and could be a job share. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Stan by 20th May on 01844 338380

Home education day feedback

Thomley's first ever home education day focused on consultation with families and their children. Starting with introductions, the group discussed why they have opted for home education, the approach they have chosen to take and the support they would like from Thomley.

Group consensus was that Thomley should provide non-curriculum based opportunities for social interaction, exercise and sports, sensory activities, life skills and activities to develop fine and gross motor skills. Families were eager that the day offered free choice for children with some timetabled activities for those who want to join in a group activity. The group was eager to welcome parents of disabled children who are just thinking about the pros and cons of home education.

Opening at 10am, the next home education day on 11th May will offer a variety of creative, sensory and social activities and will offer timetabled opportunities as follows:



- 11.30am – a warm and informal discussion group to introduce new families and share experiences
- 12.00pm – a fun & inclusive assault course for children of all ages & abilities.
- 1.30pm – an interactive sports session

Please email Joe on bookings@thomleyhall.org to book your space.

Schools Fundraising



Fundraising is vital in helping us to keep Thomley running. Involving schools in fundraising is an invaluable way to raise funds, whilst also raising community awareness about disability issues and Thomley. Schools can support children who visit Thomley by holding a fun event. Pupils could even adopt Thomley as their chosen charity.

Most of you reading this newsletter will have links with many different schools – through your children, friends or family. You can help us by encouraging these schools to support us. If you would like our school fundraising leaflet or know a school that might be interested in supporting Thomley, please contact Ruth on ruth@thomleyhall.org or 01844 338380.

Tesco Vouchers



We are still collecting Tesco Vouchers. At the moment we are well under our 10,000 target, and have only collected 1,794 vouchers! Please, please continue to collect for Thomley, and remember, every little helps! The deadline is the end of May, so spread the word & send your vouchers this way!

Upcoming dates

Open 10am-3.30pm

Pre-School Days

10th May

26th May

Adult Days

3rd May

19th May

Quiet Days (Max 30)

28th May

25th June

Teenage Day

21st May

1st June

Community Day

7th May

3rd June

11th June

Dads Day

19th June

Physically Vulnerable Day

14th May

Home Education Day

11th May

25th May

15th June

29th June

May Half term

31st May - 4th June

If your booking changes, please let us know.

Thank you!

A **massive** thank you to **Jane Baldock** who many of you will know from Toddler Days, Adult Days and School Holidays. Jane has volunteered at Thomley for over 5 years and unfortunately is no longer able to offer the time she previously could. We are so grateful for all the effort she's put into helping Thomley over the years. Thank you!

Secondly, a big thank you to Ben Hedges' Company, 'Chiltern Canopies' who provided us with the marquee over the Easter Holidays; the space enabled us to provide further eating space for families and groups.

May Half term

May half term runs from Tuesday 31st May to Saturday 4th June...And we have lots in store for all of you!

Again we will have a group day on Tuesday 31st May and a family only day on Thursday 2nd June. Again we hope to have additional eating space and will let you know where upon arrival. To book please email joe@thomleyhall.org or call the office.



Teenage provision update

Unfortunately we have been slightly delayed with the opening of the teenage facility and fully accessible toilets. But on a positive note, we are very nearly there! We are planning our launch day on 27th July for families with disabled teenagers, so please save the date. We hope to offer various workshops to showcase what the new facility can offer to all teenage visitors! Watch this space for more details.

In the mean time... we will be getting the building ready to roll and hope by May half term to be using the new reception and fully accessible toilets. We will notify you upon arrival where to sign in.

Easter Half term

Easter Half term was bundles of fun with bubbles, Easter egg hunts and lots of sunshine to top it off! We had 483 children attend over the 10 days we were



open. and all children went home smiling. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!



Wish list...

The wish list has returned to the newsletter! If you can tick anything off our list, please call the office or email us! All donations are welcome, but please be sure they are in working order.

- Parasols
- Plastic animals
- Children's underwear up to age 16
- Clothes for teenagers
- Headphones
- Toaster for gluten free food
- Bed sheets
- Sturdy sand pit toys
- Plastic storage boxes
- Sturdy wooden picnic tables
- 4-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- 2-Drawer lockable filing cabinet
- Junk modelling materials
- Large marquee!

Hair dressing

In the past several families have expressed how hard it is to take their child to the hairdressers. We are looking at the possibility of providing a hair dresser to be on site for a day for families to book into while visiting Thomley. Some children who may struggle or dislike their hair being cut can come here without worry, Please email joe@thomleyhall.org if you are interested.



Hortic Area update

Our hortic area had another big push when a group of over 20 volunteers from a local company Qliktech who did some more of the groundwork. Brendon, a Thomley parent, led the group and continued to work on the paving in the area. The space is looking great and we are hoping to work with volunteers to complete the project. A big thank you to Brendon for his continued support and to Qliktech for giving their employees the opportunity to volunteer their time to Thomley for the day.

Physically Vulnerable Day

Open on Saturday 14th May to PMLD children who may struggle with the hustle and bustle of lots of children. Family and friends are also welcome. Please email joe@thomleyhall.org to book or call the office.

Facebook

Please continue to support us through Facebook! Write on our wall; post photos of your times at Thomley; and LIKE the page if you haven't already!



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