

# Our Place

## Issue 12

### “Best holiday we’ve ever had at Thomley”

October half term was one to remember, with all the popular activities such as pumpkin carving, Hama beads and Chinnor Rugby Club returning in a packed week of Thomley fun. Over 350 young people attended which is the highest amount of visitors we’ve ever had in the October break.



# Upcoming workshops...



**Scroogical the pantomime, 2pm  
Saturday 10th December**  
Fantastic interactive panto for the parents and the young people!

**Christmas pyjama party!  
Saturday 17th December**  
Santa is here from 11am-2pm, wear your best pyjamas, and enjoy the annual Christmas party with us.



**Christmas holidays...  
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd December**  
Hama beads, giant bubbles, Christmas games, cooking and craft are all prepared and ready for the Christmas holidays.



**Extra opening!  
Friday 30th December**  
Open for a day between Christmas and New Year, please book!

**CROCODILES at Thomley!  
Saturday 14th January**  
Wow! Come and see real Crocodiles at Thomley!





# The pavilion is complete!

Here is a little glimpse of inside the pavilion - we think it looks fantastic! We have secured a Premises Licence that will allow us to provide live music and theatre events, show films and supply alcohol. We welcome your comments and ideas on how we put the pavilion to good use in the future.



# Please join us...

The launch of the pavilion (as we've told you many times!) is on Saturday 26th November. There will be two events on the day, our Christmas Market from 10am-3pm and an evening of celebration from 7pm-9:30pm.

There are roughly 40 stalls in the daytime, with lots of fantastic activities that include face painting, a drumming workshop, a talk from Paul Isaac and of course Santa is here (£3 to see him) in his very own grotto. Don't miss the raffle, which has around 50 brilliant prizes, ranging from a Harrods hamper to alcohol and day trips out. A special thanks to everyone who has provided a prize.

There will be soup, hot dogs, tea, coffee and cold drinks available all day.

This is a free event and we hope to see lots of you there!

**For more information or a last minute stall, please contact Joe on: [joe@thomley.org.uk](mailto:joe@thomley.org.uk) or 01844 338380.**

# Please vote for us!!

Aviva Community Fund could provide up to £25,000 for Thomley. BUT we do need as many of you to vote as possible! Voting closes at 12 noon on November 18th - HURRY!

With the £25,000 we would look to enclose a section of covered barn area (by the music room) to create a secure and permanent weather-proof play area for young people.

Please vote on the below link, and feel free to share with anyone you think may spare 5 minutes to vote too! Thank you.



<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-1448>

# With thanks...

We have received some great donations over the last couple of months, thanks to all of you who kindly donated something to Thomley.

We received lots of cardboard boxes from Arla. This helped us make our Minecraft Maze in the October half term (we've saved them for future use too!)



DM Thomas Foundation not only funded our fantastic new sensory equipment, but also arranged 200 lots of ducks to be delivered to us! The sensory equipment includes a new LED bubble tube and an interactive games system which is very cool! To get a free set of ducks you'll have to come to the Christmas Market and complete a hunt!



# 2017 New activities...

As many of you know, we already offer many term time and holiday activities, and we are always looking to offer more where possible.

Well in 2017 we are going to add a few new sessions to our agenda. These include:

- After school opening on a Wednesday, 3pm-6pm for children with and without a disability (once a month).
- After school opening on a Friday, 3pm-6pm for people with a disability only (once a month).
- Camping - due to popular demand, we've added in two extra camping dates for 2017 and we have some on Saturday nights this year rather than Friday.
- Family nights - we will be putting on more events like The Handlebards and our Harvest evening and the planning has begun, so watch this space!
- Adult cooking night, starting in February. Together we will prepare, cook, eat and then tidy up afterwards. Learning skills such as how to lay the table, cooking and cleaning.

**Want to use Thomley on a Sunday? Get in touch and we could open up for your event, party or group...**



# Birthday parties...



## When can I have a party?

People with a disability can have a party on any Saturday, any evening (Tuesday-Friday) or on a Sunday (we will open specifically for you).

People without a disability can have a party on any Community Saturday, any evening (Tuesday-Friday) or on a Sunday (we will open specifically for you).

## How much does it cost?

As with anything at Thomley, it's a recommended donation: £160 for a Saturday party - £120 for a two hour evening party - Sunday parties vary depending on the length of time required.

## What do we get when we have a party at Thomley?

Parties are based on having up to 20 children, squash, tea and coffee is included, use of the whole site for the whole duration of your party, plus you will be given an eating time in our pavilion.

## Can we book extras?

Yes you can! We can arrange an art and craft theme, such as pirates, Pokemon, Minecraft - try us! You can also book time in our sensory room, or a workshop such as bubbles, face painting or something sporty.

## Do you provide food?

No we don't, however we have some caterers we know well who would be happy to provide you a buffet of some sort if that is helpful.

**To enquire or book your party for 2017, please email: [bookings@thomley.org.uk](mailto:bookings@thomley.org.uk) or call reception on: 01844 338380**