

Our Place

Issue 1



We have rebranded...

Over the past ten months Thomley has been working with Cream Design, a design agency from Reading, who have modernised and refreshed our image.

Welcome to the new look Thomley. You will see many changes including our nice new logo, which is not only a heart, but a bird's-eye view of our field and cycle track.

We have also changed our name from Thomley Activity Centre / Thomley Hall, to just Thomley. Thomley is what people know us as, so you will see our email address has changed and our signs, leaflets, uniform and social media pages have all had a makeover.

Finally, our newsletter and planners have been brought up to date, in case you hadn't noticed! Our holiday, Saturday, preschool and youth club activity planners have been combined into one calendar. Hopefully it will now be clearer when you can come, and what's happening in the upcoming couple of months. Please see our enclosed February and March activities.

Our thanks to Cream Design (www.cream-design.co.uk) who have taken Thomley on this journey into the 21st century. We are proud of our new look and think it better represents the charity and our work with disabled people of all ages. But why not tell us what you think?



Upcoming workshops

Juggling John, Circus Workshop
Tuesday 17th February

Amate Animalia, exotic animals
Saturday 14th March



Book now

Remember that booking is essential, please email Courtney on: bookings@thomley.org.uk or call her on 01844 338380.

We are now taking bookings for February half term, Saturdays, preschool days, adult days and Youth Club for February and March.

If you no longer need your booking, or would like to change the number of visitors you have booked, please let us know. We can offer the spaces to other families wanting to come.



Wish list

At Thomley we try to keep our costs to a minimum. If there are any things on the list below you are able to donate, you'd be saving us money and we would be very grateful.

Bikes	Plastic storage boxes
Trikes	Bagged soil
No- toxic bulbs / seeds	Sewing needles, thread & embroidery hoops
New broom heads	Clear plastic bottles
Small plant pots	Cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls)
Small Mosaic tiles	Glass jars with lids
Single fitted bed sheets	Old vinyl records
Blankets	Sand-pit toys
Single bed mattresses	Paper plates
Unwanted Christmas gifts	Minecraft, Warhammer, Mario, Adventure time, Phineas & Pherb, Transformers and Harry Potter toy characters
Big go karts & trikes	
Good condition swing bins	
Clothes for all ages	
Blankets	
Bikes for 10-14 year olds	
Old typewriter	

We are Recruiting

Casual Playworkers

We need playworkers in the school holidays and on Saturdays throughout the year. The job includes preparing and supervising play activities. £6.95 per hour.

Volunteer Minibus driver

To drive our minibus, transporting children & adults with disabilities to and from Thomley.

For further details on either role please email Stan: stan@thomley.org.uk

Message from our Centre Manager...

Thanks to all of you who joined us over the Christmas period.

In total, over 200 children, teenagers and adults joined us over the Christmas holidays.

We enjoyed hosting the Christmas Craft Fair, the pantomime of Aladdin and Santa visiting. We hope that the Christmas break was fun for you too.

As always there are highs and lows and with Christmas in mind, we understand that everyone's days can be unpredictable when planning ahead. But we had a lot of people book in and not show up. May I please request, on behalf of the whole Thomley team, that if you can no-longer make your booking, that you call us to cancel your places so that children and families on Thomley's waiting list can get the change to take these spaces. We appreciate that this can be difficult at times, but even a call on the day before 10am can make a huge difference.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Hayley (Centre Manager)

Youth Club

Do you have a teenager who would benefit from having social time at a fortnightly youth group?

Youth group is 6pm-8pm every other Thursday and we offer both structured activities and free time for teenagers to do as they please. Get in touch with Anna: anna@thomley.org.uk for more information.



After school Provision

Would you be interested in coming to play after 3:30pm on a weekday in term time?

After recent feedback, it's apparent some families are interested in coming to play, do homework, or just have somewhere to chill-out after school hours.

This is not something we currently offer but if there is the demand, it's something we will definitely try.

Email Hayley: hayley@thomley.org.uk with any suggestions you have for opening days / times and what activities may be of interest to you.

What's the latest news?

We have a new Trustee

We recently welcomed Gill Porter-Smith to the board of Trustees. She brings with her a wealth of local business and marketing experience which will be of great benefit to Thomley. In summer 2014, Gill coordinated the Circus Ball Committee which not only raised a whopping £24,000 towards our café, but significantly raised our local profile and encouraged local companies to become more involved.



Café and social centre

We are steadily getting closer to our fundraising target and now have 80% of funding needed to build the café. If all goes to plan, we hope to start the build in October 2015 and move in to the building in late Spring 2016.

The Music Room

Be prepared for change. To make space for the café, we need to move the music room from its current place to a new location under the eaves of an existing barn near the main entrance. Future visitors will be welcomed with the tunes of Thomley's budding musicians.

2014 figures

Once again we managed to break our record for visitors last year. Thanks to all of you who visited once, twice or even up to forty times in the last year! Two thousand and fifty five different children, teens and adults visited over six thousand times in 2014. We hope to see you all back at Thomley in 2015. Can anyone get more than forty visits in this year?

Refer a friend

Congratulations to Vicky Ashby, for the second year in a row you have recommended more users to Thomley than anyone else! You win a year's membership for one of your children. Get in touch with Joe: joe@thomley.org.uk to claim your prize.

