

# Our Place

## Issue 7



# Happy New Year!

## Welcome to Warren...

Most of you will have already read that Warren Koehler was due to start working for Thomley in January. Well he has now started in his post as our Chief Executive Officer. Be sure to look out for him on your next visit and why not introduce yourself?



## Transport for families...

In 2015 Thomley launched a transport service to groups and schools, enabling people to come to Thomley whom previously may have struggled to find transport. We are now looking to extend this service to families that might need a way of getting to Thomley.

We would like as much information as possible before we launch this service to ensure we really do reach those who need it. Please take a moment (under two minutes) to fill out the below survey to help us have a good understanding of what demand there is.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ThomleyTransport>

# Upcoming workshops...

**Half Term** P  X A R

## Soundabout - Saturday 13th Feb

Providing a stimulating and sensory experience through music, we are teaming up with Soundabout again who will be here for the whole day.

Make sure you reserve a session when you book in for the day.

## Ignite Sports - Monday 15th Feb

Ignite are back at Thomley, providing multisports for all. Make the most of this free hour's workshop.

## Bubble Workshop - Tuesday 16th Feb, Saturday 27th Feb and Wednesday 9th March

Who doesn't love bubbles? Especially giant bubbles! Always one of our most demanded activities, enjoyed by not only the young people but the parents too!

## Other upcoming workshops...

Lots of Roald Dahl themed activities, forest fun activities, an animation workshop, football, Lego day, cooking, face painting, story telling and much more!





# A message from our Centre Manager...

2015 has been a great year and we've enjoyed offering you fun activities and workshops which have enabled you to try new things. In 2016 we are going to undertake some exciting changes, including some major developments to the site.

One of our many priorities in 2016 is to start and complete the building of our new Café – building work will commence from the beginning of March and we aim to complete work by the end of September. We are mindful that this will affect the way you use and access Thomley. Some key points I wanted to make you aware of are:

- For a MINIMUM of two months (March to April), the zip wire and climbing wall will be out-of-bounds due to fencing requirements.
- Part of the cycle track will be out of use.
- The main gate and bell will be relocated .
- Onsite parking will be reduced and access parking (i.e. wheelchair friendly) will be moved to directly alongside the fence line closest to the new temporary gate.
- Current music room will be relocated.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or would like help preparing for these changes.

We look forward to seeing you soon, with plenty of workshops coming up. Below is a picture of our last workshop which everyone loved - an amazing Christmas pantomime!

*Hayley*



# Are you a resident of Red Kite Community Housing?

Red Kite Community Housing have covered the cost of a visit to Thomley for their residents. Do you know anyone who has children and are a resident of Red Kite Housing? If so, they could have a family trip to us, at no cost to them! Please spread the word so no one misses out!

For further information please email Joe: [joe@thomley.org.uk](mailto:joe@thomley.org.uk)



## Rate and review...

Bucks Family Information service, who kindly advertise our activities, have set up a review service so other people in Buckinghamshire can get more of a feel for services they haven't used before.

If you get the time, it would be brilliant if you could take a look at their website and review us. It's always nice to hear positive feedback, and ensure others know what they are missing out on! You can find our page on the following link: [http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=\\_uZBFHuPFck&familychannel=7](http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=_uZBFHuPFck&familychannel=7)

## Congratulations...

Our annual 'refer a friend' competition has seen a clear winner. Reigning champion Vicky Ashby has been beaten this year, by the very kind Kay Whitaker. Kay and her family managed to refer several new families to Thomley and for that she wins a year's membership for one of her lovely boys.

A huge thank you to those who continue to tell people about Thomley and bring new visitors to us. The competition has started again for 2016 so get referring!