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Our Place Place Issue 24



A Happy Halloween at Thomley...



What a spooktacular Halloween we had this year! Thanks to all who joined us over half term, where we carved over 150 pumpkins, made (or should we say experimented! with!) lots of slime and hosted our second Trunk or Treat night (pictures of two amazing trunks above!).

Trunk or Treat was particularly good and one Mum said: "What a fantastic idea, a much safer and more accessible way of celebrating Halloween with my disabled children, thank you!"

Upcoming Workshops...

Roast Dinner Day

Sunday 9th December

Join us for an accessible roast, 12pm or 2pm sitting - booking essential.

Christmas Party Day

Saturday 15th December

Join us for festive food, Santa (book in advance) and Lord Williams's Festival Chorus Choir!

Making mince pies

Friday 21st December

Make a mince pie to take home if you can resist eating it before!

Christmas Disco

Friday 21st December, 5:30-8pm

Disco time! First hour is a 'Quiet Hour', food available on the night too

Sparkly snow slime!

Saturday 22nd December

Slime is becoming as popular as the giant bubbles, and who doesn't love sparkles!?

Lego Day

Saturday 19th January

Bake Lego biscuits, take part in a Lego obstacle course or join in with Adam's Lego workshop. Adam's afternoon workshop is more advanced for all those Lego experts!

Giant bubbles

Saturday 26th January

We couldn't not have giant bubbles on our schedule, could we?









Thomley's Mini bus...

We are so sad to say that for a variety of reasons we have had to sell the minibus. The main reason was because it was becoming too expensive to run and maintain.

This means we are no longer able to provide transport to and from Thomley. We know this may be a disappointment to those of you who have used the minibus. If this does stop you from attending Thomley do let us know.

New game in the teen den...

There is a new game for you to try! We try to keep up with the times and we know games are expensive to buy for some of our families.



Try out the latest Spiderman game now in the teenage den, which we know is very popular with teens at the moment!

January Birthday Party...

Host your party at Thomley this January. Every Sunday is available in January, 10-1pm, 2-5pm or an all day party. The whole site just for you!

All January parties get an additional FREE activity when you use booking code 'JanuaryParty'

To book a party or for more information, email us: bookings@thomley.org.uk or inbox us on Facebook

Thame Food Festival...

Thanks to all of you who volunteered and visited us at the food festival! We had a great weekend and have had lots of new visitors as a consequence!



Christmas break...

We have lots of festive events for you to get involved in this year...

Firstly our Christmas Market on Saturday 24th November, followed by our second roast dinner Sunday on December 9th.

The annual Christmas party is on Saturday 15th December, Santa will of course be there!

Lastly we are having another Christmas Disco this year on Friday 21st December, with a 'Quiet hour' for the first hour, for those who may not like louder music. Hope to see you there!



Our 2019 schedule...

You will see more of the same next year as feedback suggests we are putting on the activities and events that you want which is great!

Our visitor numbers are also significantly increasing which is fantastic for the charity, but to support this visitor growth we need to ensure that on limited resources we continue to do what we currently do, well!

You will notice that the names of our days are changing slightly. For example, a 'Community Day' will become 'Open for all'. The formerly known 'Group Day' will be called 'Disability Day' - these days are open to anyone with a disability, meaning families can attend these days as well (being aware that there may be a lot of support workers / disability groups on site too. 'Disability Family Days' are for disabled families (and their friends) and we will continue to run our 'Disability Quiet Days' which we know are very important to some of our families.

The reason for the changes is to make it easier for visitors to understand when they can come and who else may be on site on those days. We appreciate that the term 'Disability' may not be what everyone would use, but we want to be clear we support any family, with any additional needs they may have and whatever stage they are at on their diagnostic journey.

Christmas Market

24th November, 10am - 3pm Free entry - No need to book

Join us for our very popular Christmas Market!
Shop for your Christmas goodies
Eat lovely festive food whilst the kids can play!
The famous Christmas raffle!
Santas Grotto will be available (book on the day)



Please note our gates will not be locked during the day like they usually are

Where are we?
Thomley, Menmarsh
Road, Worminghall,
HP189JZ





For tickets: Ask a member of staff or

Thomley

email lisahanton@thomley.org.uk

A Thomley Roast Dinner!...

Sunday 9th December, 12pm or 2pm

We recently held our first roast dinner day and it was a huge success, with LOTS of people asking for another one! SO...

The site will be open to play between 11am and 3pm, but as the day is about the roast dinner we won't be taking bookings unless you are booking either of the lunch slots. The normal menu will not be on offer on this day.



Why are we offering a day solely for this?

Several Thomley families have suggested that going out for one of the most pleasurable of dinners (a roast) can be quite a stressful and rare event which they would love to be able to do more often. Well we would like to give it a go and offer the disability friendly venue you have been looking for! Many of you may know Nikki (who works in the kitchen), she is a chef and makes a fantastic roast dinner!

Join us on Sunday 9th December and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting, where we will serve the adults a roast dinner and a pudding for £12. Children (up to 15) will get a free roast after paying their entry donation of £6, £8 or £10.

Please book by calling: 01844 338380 Or by emailing us: bookings@thomley.org.uk Thomley



Join us for Thomley's Christmas Disco...

Friday 21st December, 5:30pm-8pm (Quiet hour from 5:30-6:30pm)



The Thomley Disco is being brought to you by DJ Scully, who will have a great selection of Christmas (and other) tunes...

Our disco is for people of all ages and all abilities. Dance, sing, socialise or just enjoy the lights! However the disco works for you is fine by us! Food and drink available to buy on the night. £5 per young person to attend.

Please book: bookings@thomley.org.uk

