

Our Place



Issue 29

Thanks for a great summer!

Over 1,500 children and young people came to experience Thomley this summer, we hope you had a fantastic time! We have received a huge amount of positive feedback from visitors in recent weeks, which makes our jobs that much more rewarding. Thank you and see you soon!



Birthday parties...

Looking for a birthday party venue?

We take birthday party bookings after school, on Saturdays, and we also have a few slots available for Sundays in October and November.



On Sundays you have the whole site to yourselves:

Sunday October 6th - 10am-1pm, or 2pm-5pm, or 11am-3pm

Sunday October 13th - 10am-1pm, or 2pm-5pm, or 11am-3pm

Sunday November 3rd - 2pm-5pm

Sunday November 10th - 10am-1pm, or 2pm-5pm, or 11am-3pm

Sunday November 17th - 10am-1pm, or 2pm-5pm, or 11am-3pm

For more information or to book, get in touch: bookings@thomley.org.uk

Camping in 2020, have your say...



Last year we went back to solely one-night camping, mainly because when we did a two-night camp the previous year not many people actually booked for both nights. These weekends cost us a lot to put on.

We are just finalising plans for next year, but we have had LOTS of people asking whether we would be doing a two-night camp next year. Please email us with any camping requests, such as a two-night camp, different timings / things on offer whilst on site:

joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

Upcoming workshops...



Airfix model workshop

Saturday 5th October, 11am

We will help you build an Airfix model plane. You will then be able to take it home with you too!

(It is £5 to do this workshop)

Roast dinner day

Sunday 20th October

A great opportunity to try a family meal without the pressures of going to a normal restaurant, in our disability friendly venue



Trunk or Treat

Saturday 26th October, 5-8pm

Always a great night, a different way of celebrating Halloween and trick or treat. Dress up, decorate the boot of your car, and have a spooktacular time with us!

Pumpkin carving

Every day of half term!

Bring your pumpkin to Thomley, as every afternoon throughout half term we will have staff on hand to help you prepare yours for Halloween!



Woodwork workshop with Paul

Tuesday 29th October - all day

Get creative and Paul will help you design and make a wooden object that you can decorate and take home with you too.

Build a Lego Police set

Saturday 30th November, 1pm

Make a Lego Police set with staff and then you get to take it home too!

(It is £5 to do this workshop)

Thame Food Festival...



After having a great day at Thame Food Festival last year and introducing so many new people to Thomley. We are back there this year on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September.

We will have our giant bubbles, archery, sumo suits, face painting and a tombola. PLUS we will be selling kids snacks and drinks!

Hope to see lots of you there!

Christmas Market Saturday 23rd November...



Be sure to join us for our annual Christmas Market, from 10am-3pm. A day full of fun, lots of gifts and a safe place you can shop for Christmas!

There will be up to 40 stalls selling a range of crafts, chutneys, sensory toys and lots more! Santa will of course be setting up his grotto for the day, plus there will be sports, bikes, soft play, sensory rooms and plenty more for the children to take part in on the day.

If you're hungry we will have hot food available all day, plus there will be LOTS of cakes and mince pies to tuck into throughout.

Remember to buy your raffle tickets on the day to be in with a chance of winning one of the many fantastic prizes at the Christmas raffle!



Our CEO is retiring...



"Hello All,

I am writing to tell you that I will be retiring from Thomley and leave at the end of October 2019. This decision is based on personal reasons as I have other plans on how I would like to spend my time, skiing being one of these, whilst I am fit and well to do this!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you at Thomley. I think the service team has done a fab job over the years in providing an interesting and engaging range of activities as well as creating a welcoming environment for all. My leaving will have no impact on services as Joe and his team will continue to deliver as planned.

The trustees will be recruiting for a replacement from July onwards with the aim of having a person in place by mid-October. They will be recruiting for a Chief Executive. This will be advertised on our website from the 23rd July so if you know of anyone who may be interested point them to the website.

Once this position is filled we will let you know who will be joining the team.

All that is left for me is to wish you all the best for the future and I will keep an eye on how Thomley continues to develop and prosper.

Kind Regards,

Warren
CEO"

Family opportunities...

New Bucks County Council service

Buckinghamshire
Family Information Service

Buck County Council has announced the opening of a county wide network of family centres called the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service (BFIS).

The centres will provide a wide range of universal sessions alongside focused support for families with complex requirements.
For more information take a look at:

www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/familysupport

Mascot day at Thame United FC

We are fortunate to offer 11 mascot spaces to children that attend Thomley, for Thame United V St Neots. The game will take place on Saturday 19th October, 3pm kick-off. The 11 lucky children will walk out on to the pitch with the players and get the full match day experience - for free!



Please get in touch ASAP to reserve a space for your child or children, and we will give you further details. Parents attending with the children will only need to pay a £1 entry (significantly cheaper than the usual ticket price). There may also be the opportunity for the children to take penalties against the Thame United goalkeeper coach at half time!

Contact us to book: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk