

Our Place



Issue 31

Lots to look forward to in 2020...

We have more of the same and LOTS more planned for you in 2020. The new Adult Social Group is starting in February; a two-night camping is back on the agenda. Plus the regular favourites such as roast dinner days, meals for Mother's and Father's Day and water days in the summer holidays! We look forward to hosting you and your friends and family in 2020.



Happy New Year!

From Team Thomley

Cafe prices...



As we mentioned in our last newsletter, some items in the cafe have increased in price very slightly.

It's important to us to provide an affordable cafe, and in comparison to lots of other local cafés / similar venues we really are very affordable. However we do have to make sure that this part of the service covers its costs and more where possible.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope you agree how important the cafe has become when visiting Thomley.

The horticultural area...

Over the years there has been various plans and developments made for the horticultural area. The reality is that it's very hard to keep such a large area maintained with our small team across the whole year.

We are therefore going to be making this a much smaller area over the next couple of months, with a focussed area for growing plants and vegetables - which you can access too! We are therefore looking for anyone local to help volunteer and maintain the vegetable patch when it's set up in the next few months.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Joe:

joekitchen@thomley.org.uk



February half term...



We have LOTS to do this coming February half term at Thomley. For the first time we welcome animals from Ark Farm with their 'Furry and friendly small animal encounters'.



We have Paul's wood workshop returning to get creative in the art room, as we know how popular this is with the children (and the parents!). And in the cafe we will have some specials on different days including: mini pizzas, sausage chips and beans and Thai fishcake with salad. Plus there will be a slightly revamped Lionel the Train making an appearance (if the weather is on our side!).

Cooking Skills Workshop...

Some of you may know that one of our largest major donors is Children In Need. But did you know what they fund at Thomley?

Children In Need currently fund our Youth Club (every other Thursday for teenagers) and a workshop that we do in every school holidays, 'Cooking Skills.

Cooking Skills is on every Monday in the school holidays, either a morning session of 10:30am or an afternoon session of 1:30pm. The session involves the whole process of cooking; from setting up, preparation, cooking, tidying up and of course the eating part! There are limited spaces so please book in advance: bookings@thomley.org.uk



Upcoming Workshops...



A Thomley Roast Dinner
Sunday 16th February, 11am-3pm
opening times, 12pm or 2pm sitting for food.

Full details can be found on the Roast Dinner poster.

Lionel the Train
Monday 17th February, 11am
Roll up and ride on Lionel - did you notice he looks a little different?



Sumo suits!
Tuesday 18th February, 1:30pm
Challenge the staff (or a family member!) to be the King /or Queen of the Sumo!

Woodwork with Paul
Tuesday 18th February, all day
Get creative and test your skills!



Ark Farm's Animal Encounters
Wednesday 19th February, 11:30am-2:30pm
Come and meet some furry friends at Thomley!

Lego Day!
Saturday 21st March
For all you Lego fans out there!

Mother's Day Meal at Thomley
Sunday 22nd March, 11am-3pm
opening times, 12pm or 2pm sitting for food.

Full details can be found on the Mother's Day poster.

PLUS more of the popular activities, including: Archery, football, glitter tattoos, laser tag, bubbles, cooking, tie dye and lots more!



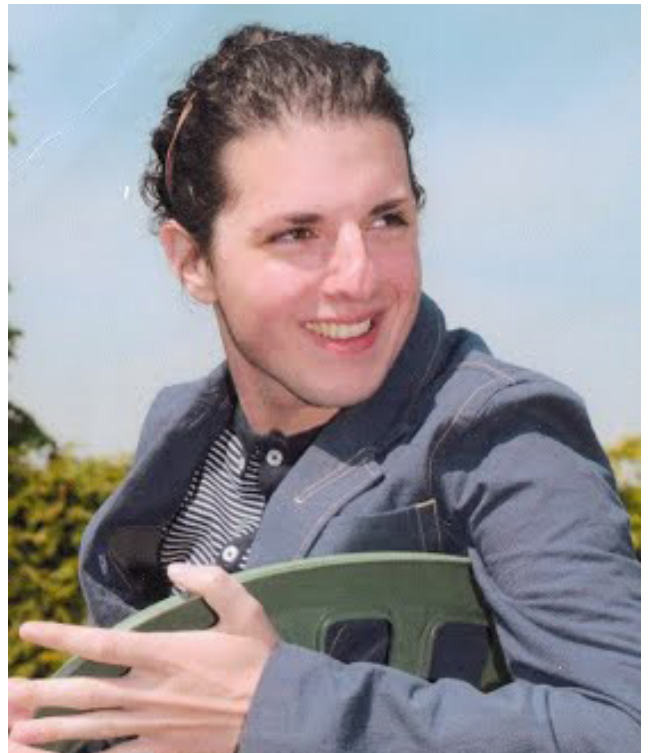
Annual Membership...

Membership to Thomley entitles you to visit any time in term time, school holidays and Saturdays for a whole year!
To enquire about a membership for your child please contact Faye: enquiries@thomley.org.uk

Autism Consultation...

Take advantage of Paul Isaac coming to Thomley this February half term. He is available to offer support, advice, strategies - anything that could help you deal with Autism in your household.

Paul's invaluable personal experience and knowledge have helped so many families. If you would like to book some time with Paul on Tuesday 18th February at Thomley, please book with Faye on:
bookings@thomley.org.uk



Can you help?

We are looking for anyone who can potentially make us some picnic benches! We would love to offer more seating across the whole site and not just by the cafe. If you or your organisation can help, please get in touch: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

Thame United day...



Thame United kindly hosted a family day after the summer holidays, where our families were invited to attend a match and the children be mascots for the game. They got to enter for free, walk out on to the pitch with the players and even take penalties on the pitch at half time!

They very kindly are offering the same opportunity again to our families on Saturday 14th March. If you would like to attend the game and your child be a mascot please get in touch with Joe, with the full names of the children you want to go along. Contact Joe on: joekitchen@thomley.org.uk

Camping in 2020...

We are very excited to share our camping dates for 2020 with you; one of the family favourites in the Thomley year.

This year we are hoping to host three camping sessions, one in May, one in July and one in the middle of the summer holidays.



We have had lots of requests in the past for a two-night camping session. Part of the reason we have handed out the dates so early this year is to give people plenty of opportunity to book the August camp, which is for two nights (if we get enough bookings). Please see the camping poster for more details.