

Our Place

Issue 33

Thomley is re-opening...



We are pleased to announce that from Tuesday 7th July Thomley will be re-opening. We will be in the office and accepting bookings from July 1st.

Initially, this will just be our outside areas plus a take-away service from the cafe, served via the outside window. We will of course introduce indoor opening when this is safe to do so.

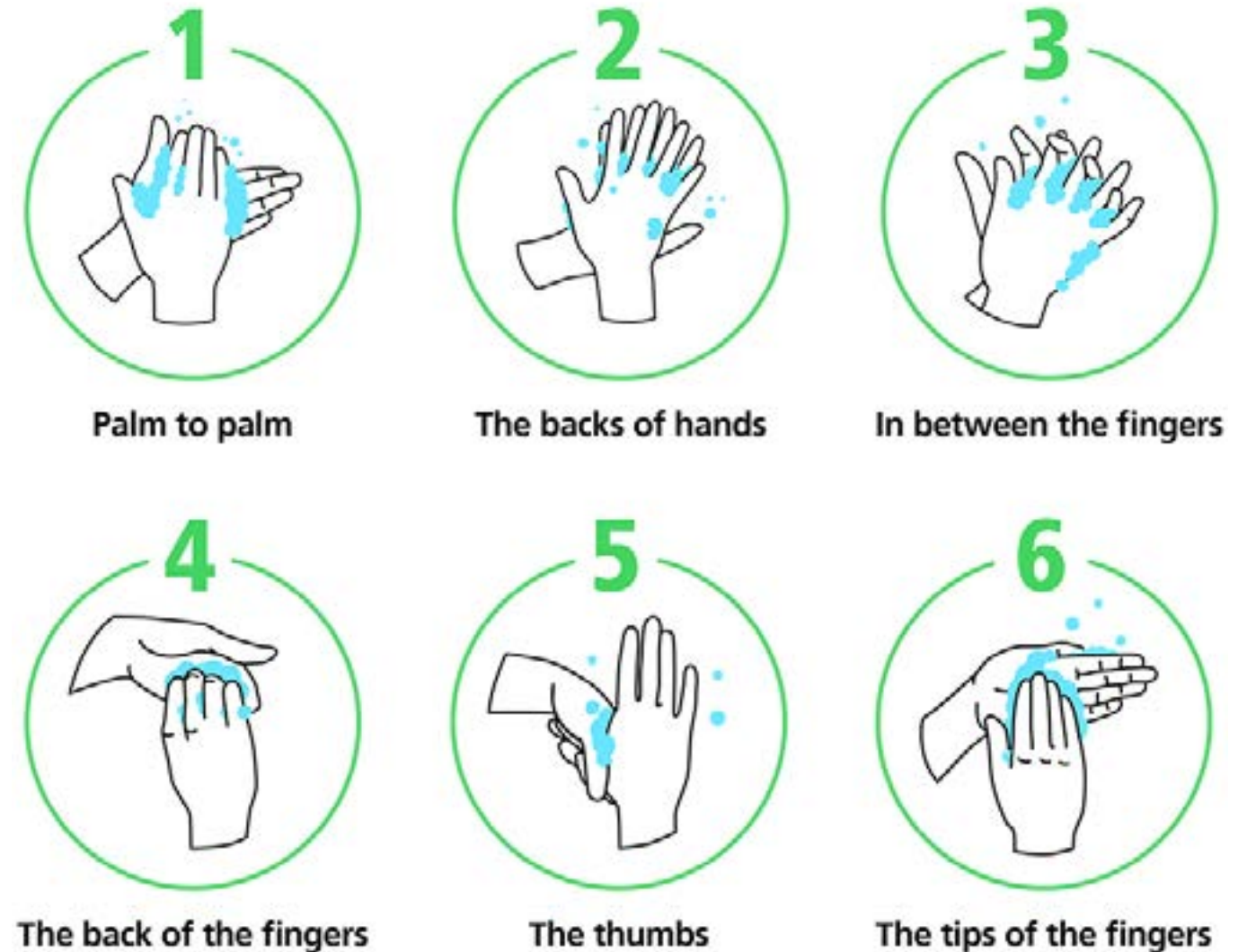
There will be social distancing measures put in place across the site as well as compulsory hand-washing procedures. Our team will be working hard to ensure the site is cleaned regularly and remaining compliant with government guidance.

To keep up to date with our opening plans and upcoming activities, please follow our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomleypublic/>

Hand washing

will be an essential part of coming into Thomley and throughout the duration of your visit. There will be reminders across site that look like the below guidelines:



Social distancing

guidelines will also be in place across the site.

We are very fortunate that the outdoors space is so large so this measure will be easier than in other venues. We are also very conscious that many of our young people may struggle with social distancing, so please be mindful that at Thomley there may be circumstances which make this difficult for others to follow. Again, there will be signage and various measured areas across site that we will be encouraging everyone to follow.

The week before

opening we will be sharing the full changes we have made to the site and everything you can expect to be different when you visit. This will include details about the on site cleaning; PPE and screens that may be in place; changes to our activities; following one-way systems; queueing systems and ordering from the cafe.

Upcoming activities...

As you know, we love to offer you as many additional fun things to do on site as possible, something different for every time you visit such as the bouncy castle, laser tag or face painting.

As it stands we have had to limit the number and variety of activities, due to only being outdoors and to comply with government guidance. We will of course offer more of your favourites as and when we can.

Our activity planner for July has been released on the website and we are holding back on August's until closer to the time. You can still book for August dates, which you will find on our online calendar. We have had to shuffle the days slightly so that children who would have been in school and disabled adults can all come on the same days. Our preschool visitors who don't have disabilities can still visit on the 'open for all' days.

We also won't be able to offer the full programme of clubs for a little while longer. We hope that cooking, social, after school and youth club will start up again from September after the summer holidays.

Before we open again...

be sure to keep visiting our Instagram and Facebook pages where you will find various resources for you to try at home, including hair tips, art and craft, fitness sessions and cooking!

Facebook: @ThomleyPublic
Instagram: @Thomley_



Thomley's future...



Pricing

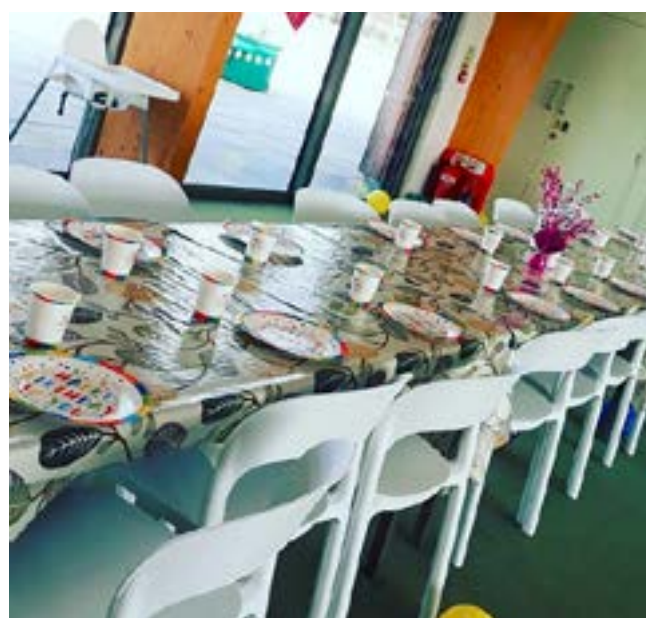
We feel that Thomley is fantastic value for money and we always want to support our visitors and make your visits as affordable as we can.

We are discussing how our pricing looks going forward and will share this with you in the coming weeks. We are excited to share our plan with you which will help Thomley be financially more sustainable going forward and help secure our future.

Membership at Thomley

Thomley offers a membership package however we are about to add even more to that membership offer! The details will be included in our pricing information that we will send out over the coming weeks.

For existing members, we will contact you directly to discuss your current membership, we look forward to catching up with you!



Events and private hire

We have some fantastic facilities which includes our pavilion. Should we be able to host parties or events in evenings, would you host your party with us?

We are able to provide food and a licensed bar too. The money generated from events would also really help fund our day to day activities. To enquire about booking an event, contact us: bookings@thomley.org.uk

Hear us on Jack FM...



You may have seen on Facebook that we received a grant worth £10,000 in advertising for Jack FM.

Or perhaps you have already heard us on the radio! Our advert will be on all three of the Jack stations; Jack FM, Jack 2 and Jack 3 over the next 6 weeks.

You may even recognise the voice to the advert too...!

The new sensory room...

We have been updating you at every stage of the journey, and now is nearly time for the final product!

The sensory room has now been cleared, painted and fully prepared for the new equipment to be installed, which will take place on the 16th July.

This means we are pleased to announce that the room will be completed and ready to open as soon as the government restrictions for our indoor opening are lifted.

Keep an eye out on Facebook where we will share some pre-views when the equipment is in!



Thomley Camping

Friday 14th August (4:30pm) - Sunday 16th August
Available to book for either or both nights

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy staying with us for longer than usual! Our accessible toilets are open all night and the grounds are secure, which makes it the perfect place for accessible camping.

It is £10 per person per night to camp at Thomley. The cafe will be open for takeaway until 9pm and will re-open at 8am on the following morning, where you can purchase snacks, drinks, dinner and breakfast. There will also be some activities over the weekend, such as archery and fire-pit activities.

There will be social distance, hand-washing and indoor restrictions in place; which are subject to change dependant on government advice.



Please book by calling:
01844 338380

Or by emailing us:
bookings@thomley.org.uk



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Please note: No disposable BBQs / fires are allowed and no hot food is to be brought on site by visitors.

Your support for our 'Covid Campaign' was amazing...

Over
£2,500
raised



Right back at the start of lockdown we appealed to the public to support our Covid campaign. At this stage it was a very difficult time for us as a charity and the potential threat of Thomley's future being put at risk. We were thrilled with the immediate support of you all and the fantastic donations that followed. You are all stars!



A month of walking for Thomley

One lovely parent, Natalie, set herself a challenge of walking 25,000 steps every day in May for Thomley, that's 775,000 steps in May!

Natalie of course completed the challenge and had a deserved drink at the end. Thanks so much for raising over £1,000 in the process, you are amazing!

Thank you to the Foulsham family...

Sally, Andy, Ruth and Ben have been visiting Thomley for years. You may also recognise Ruth, as she is a playworker at Thomley too!



When we put out our Covid appeal back in April they got in touch and made a generous donation. We wanted to say thank you, gestures such as these mean everything to us.

The 2.6 Challenge Team smashed it for Thomley...

Over 40 people too part in total and between them raised a staggering £16,000 for Thomley.

Staff, visitors and complete strangers took on a personal challenge, relating to the numbers two and six, in place of the London Marathon, what would have been a massive day for the charity sector. The variety was fantastic; 26 kilometers of cycling, 26 Lego builds; 26 laps of the garden, 26 minutes on a pogo-stick, to name a few. Thank you to every single one of you that took part or donated.



Brave the shave!



Another fundraiser and another unique fundraising idea! Jen was brave to shave all her hair off, **LIVE on Facebook**, with all the donations coming to Thomley.

She set a lower target originally, and the more people donated the more she would cut off! Luckily people clearly wanted it all off, as they donated very quickly and she went on to raise over £2,000 for Thomley. What a star! Thanks Jen.

Family Cook-along...

We are fortunate to have a family such as this who continue to support our Charity.

Lucy and Bruno bring their family to Thomley regularly, and their latest inventive efforts to fundraise for us included a cooking lesson from their own home. Their Facebook live raised over £150 as they asked everyone to donate to take part. Thank you as always.



Village plant sale...

A big thanks goes to Jane from our village, Worminghall, who kindly arranged a village plant sale, with over £100 being raised for Thomley.

We are very lucky to have such thoughtful and kind people on our doorstep.



Did you join Ken's Quiz?

We thoroughly enjoyed Ken's Friday night LIVE quiz!

Over 1,000 people joined the quiz which was kindly hosted by our patron, Radio 2 presenter Ken Bruce. How many of Ken's music questions did you get right?

A massive thanks to Ken, who has been so supportive to us. The quiz also raised over £700, even better!



Fundraising events...



The Thomley 6 a side Sunday 30th August 2020

Enter a team into the first Thomley Quiz Night. Only £30 per team of 6 to enter, food and bar available on the night too.



Quiz Night! Saturday 10th October 2020

Enter a team into the first Thomley Quiz Night. Only £30 per team of 6 to enter, food and bar available on the night too. The bar will also be open!



Thomley Race Night Saturday 14th November 2020

Book up to 8 people per table and enjoy Thomley's very first race night! It's £5 per person, or £10 per person to include a hot food buffet for your table. The bar will also be open!

For any fundraising enquiry or ideas please contact us, we would love to hear from you: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Wish list

Can you help?

There are a few items that we are looking for, can you help us by donating them? Or do you know someone that may be able to?

If you can tick anything off our wish list please get in touch:
enquiries@thomley.org.uk

Railway Sleepers **Benches** **Sensory Plants**

Bikes (age 6-12) **Water play toys** **Go-karts**

Paints **Footballs** **Bike helmets** **Lego**

Alternatively you could select something from our Amazon Wish list which gets sent directly to Thomley in the post:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1C90936R6TX-YM?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_dfSERQYReVijx

