The first part of the term back since September has gone really fast.
The children have settled in well. It has been a busy time and lots of fun. There has been so much beautiful art work, see below, using autumn colours, leaf, conker printing and investigating the world around us, using conkers, pine cones, leaves, carving pumpkins.

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It has also been a hard couple of months with all the changes and extra cleaning in place and I would like to say thank you to the staff for all their extra effort and hard work during these challenging times.
Please join our Facebook page and see all the exciting activities we offer plus updates on everything that is happening within our setting.

We currently have a few spaces and anyone interested is welcome to drop in at any time; we are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 am - 3 pm and Wednesday 9 - 12 noon or for more information contact *Julie* jm_guest@hotmail.co.uk



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I began writing this in mid-October when autumn had certainly got a grip with a real chill in the air in the early morning and the nights noticeably drawing in. We had a quiet harvest service in church at the beginning of the month. The lovely flowers and greenery reminded us of harvests past as did watching the video of Build a Bigger Barn. *Janice* played 'We plough the fields and scatter' and we danced out to Harvest Samba. We may not be allowed to sing yet, but we can still enjoy our favourite music.
It was good to get back into the rhythm of the church year, only to be prevented from 5th November with Lockdown 2 apart from funerals and private prayer. We were having a communion service at 10am on the first and third Sundays in the month, then on the 2nd and 4th Sunday, a service of Morning Praise. On Wednesdays we had a communion service at 9.30am then the church was open for private prayer until 11.30. Yet again we look forward to the time when the church will be open every day but for now our wonderful churchyard will have to suffice, so wrap up warmly and enjoy the peace. You will find a new bench has been installed in memory of *Michael French* - a gift from his sister *Gill* in Canada.
We cancelled the planned Remembrance Sunday outdoor service in the churchyard and hope people will mark the two minute silence and again on Wednesday 11th November at 11am. November is also a time of remembering the loved ones we have lost. Our plans for two Daffodil Services, by invitation, in order to limit the numbers attending to meet the requirements of social distancing met with mixed success. The first on 1st November went as planned but the second will be re-arranged as soon as lockdown is over.
The threat of a second wave of Coronavirus became real when a four week nationwide lockdown began. It was already hard enough planning ahead for Christmas. There was already a ban on singing in church – Christmas without carols is very hard to imagine! We were working on some creative plans for celebrating the birth of Jesus among us including a new way of doing Christingle, as they take shape they will be on our website, Facebook and the village's as well.
Writing about Christmas makes me think about children and, thanks to *Dawn*, Messy Church has continued on-line every month since Lockdown 1. Youth church members had their first Zoom meeting in October which was surprisingly successful – it's amazing how our IT skills have developed. Please contact *Kathy Darvill (*01424 751257) if you would like to join us.



I do hope you continue to keep safe and stay well. It's a year like no other we have known. In anxious times always remember to hand over your fears and worries to God and I wish you the blessing of encountering some of his perfect peace, not only at Christmas but through the New Year and all it brings.
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Many thanks to all the kind folk who donated items for Warming Up The Homeless. *Mary Ashbolt* and I had so many bags dropped off that WUTH sent a van over to Westfield to pick them up. However, now with the wet and cold weather, many items of warm and waterproof clothing are urgently needed, especially woolly hats, gloves and socks. Do please take a moment to look at the website to see how you may be able to help. Volunteers, in many guises, are also needed, so if you can spare a few hours a week / month, do give them a call 07367 060708.

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