Dear Parents/Carers/Staff/Governors,

Well I can’t quite believe that this is my final newsletter and I am actually saying goodbye after 13 wonderful years at the school. Thank you all so much for your tireless support and for coming together to build such a caring and inspiring place for children to come and learn, and adults to learn and work together. My best memory will be the incredible team spirit that runs through the heart of the school and this has made working here such a joy.

I’d like to wish you all a very happy, safe and merry Christmas as well as wishing the school all the very best going into 2019.

With kind regards and very fond memories.
Kate Fox

Christmas cards for the community
All children at our school, along with many others in the area, made a Christmas card for one of many elderly patients in hospitals over Christmas who may not have friends and family to visit or send cards. Every child put such thought into this venture and wrote some wonderful heart-felt messages in the cards. Our school was lucky enough to be chosen to visit Hinchinbrooke hospital to give the cards out and this task was undertaken by four of our House Captains under the supervision of Mr Clarke and Mrs Beardall.

Christmas Fayre thanks
Our final total is an INCREDIBLE £2423.25. HUGE thanks to everyone for an amazing effort and to the children for producing such wonderful produce to sell.

Poppy Success
Well done and thank you to everyone who bought a poppy to support the British Legion in the work it does with the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans, and their families. Your donations mounted up to a wonderful £158.51.
Thank you once again for your generous donations to Children in Need. Many children will benefit thanks to your amazing £374.50 in donations. Well done Team Hemingford.

**Staffing update**
Congratulations to Mrs Garcia. She is expecting a baby in late spring and we are all VERY excited!

**Christmas card design for the village pub!**
The school has designed this year's Christmas card for the Cock pub. Well done to Kate in Y4 for her beautiful design. We were very grateful to receive donations of £50 in book vouchers along with a £50 dinner voucher from the pub which was raffled at the fayre.

**Photography Competition**
Very well done to the winners of the Autumn photography competition who took some absolutely stunning photographs:
1st Place: Beatrice (Y4)
2nd Place: Evie (Y6)
3rd Place: Isabel (Y6)
The photos can also be seen on the school website.
The title of next term’s photography competition is: Winter. Printed copies of entries must reach Mr Churchill by Thursday 14th February with the child’s name, house and year on the back.
Football

The Year 6 played their second round match in the Dickinson Cup against Alconbury and they played fantastically well putting on a marvellous display of teamwork and togetherness. As a result of this, they pulled off a remarkable 4-1 win to keep HGPS marching on through the competition.

A special thanks must go to Mr Birkin who managed to prepare the pitch in awful conditions. What a remarkable grounds man!

HAVE A VERY HAPPY, SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Enjoy a safe and happy Christmas break. Please can we urge you to drive and park safely and legally (not on the pavements, not blocking residents drives and ideally not directly opposite the entrance to the school) as well as courteously and with due regard to local residents. Please drive safely and with care through the village. If you witness any incidents of dangerous driving or illegal parking, please report them to the police immediately by dialling 101.