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Dear

We used to have a BIG problem with the computers in our school. We had no working computer suite and everything worked very slowly. So, we started our BIG IT Drive with our PTA and Governing Body. Since then, things have improved. We have raised a lot of money, but we still need to raise enough to buy some new screens for our classrooms and maybe some new i-pads to help us with our research. That's why the School Council and the PTA have set up the BIG IT DRIVE 3. Can you help us?



The teachers use interactive whiteboards every day in every class. We use them as part of every lesson but they are now coming to the end of their lives. The colour and pens do not always work on the boards so our teacher cannot show us what we need to do. When the teachers use the interactive whiteboard to show us film clips, they switch themselves off or the sound is very quiet. We want to buy new screens which do not need a projector and work quickly. They are better for watching videos and we can write on them as part of our lessons. We need five of these.

We do have 15 i-pad minis that get used a lot for practising our learning and researching our half-termly cross-curricular themes. All four classes in our school love using the i-pads to help us learn. The problem is we do not have enough for everyone to share easily. Our teacher also have plans for us to use the i-pads for filming and making and recording our own music and movies. We need more i-pads to help us do this.



We want to continue to improve our computing skills because as we get older we will be using computers for work and at home – paying our bills, shopping online, making appointments. We know technology is going to grow so we need to know the best way of using it in the real world.



The money we have already raised has made an amazing. We were able to get the computers for our computer suite which was fantastic! Lots of local people, groups and businesses have helped up raise money or have given us money. This has already made a massive difference to our skills. We have learnt new skills or coding, publishing, blogging and art. We have improved our research skills and can now do so much more than we could before we started the BIG IT Drive.

We have started fundraising again ourselves and have made £1600 from a sponsored run around the school track, dressed as Super Heroes. It was great fun and has made a great start to our screens and i-pads fundraiser. So please support us to become incredible computer users both now and as adults in the future.



Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

*Grace Cook* and **James Robinson**

Grace Cook and James Robinson (Joint Chairpersons of Archbishop Hutton's School Council)