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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to politely remind you that we have a training day this coming Friday, the 22nd of October, and that the school will be closed to all students.

As we come towards the end of the half-term, it is also my pleasure to tell you that we came first out of the secondary schools in the Harrogate area on Walk to School Day (8th October). We had a total of 85% of our students making their way to school in a sustainable and eco-friendly way: walking, cycling, scooting or consciously 'parking and striding'. Zero Carbon Harrogate, who were behind the event, last week wrote to us to share the good news and many of you will have seen it celebrated on social media.

We have much to celebrate from the half-term, with the return to more normal routines allowing students to get back in specialist teaching spaces really benefiting all of us. In addition, we were also selected by Harrogate Town FC to receive a large amount of specialist sportswear as part of BBC Local Radio's campaign 'Kit Out the Nation' (you may have heard staff and students being interviewed on BBC Radio York's Breakfast Show recently!). This kit will go towards helping students in our school community remove barriers to participation in sports that may otherwise have been there due to them not having the right sportswear. We are also celebrating re-establishing our Student Leadership Team and look forward to our first formal meeting with them at the start of the next half-term.

I would like to also take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that the ClassCharts app. provides an easy way to access your child's ClassCharts record without having to log into the website each time you wish to check it. This includes information on homework set, praise points and behaviour points. The app. can be downloaded from the app. store and is signposted on the ClassCharts website.

To conclude, if you have any items of unwanted school uniform that are in excellent condition, these can be used by the school as either spare items or donated to families in need as appropriate. Please send any suitable items in to the school office if you have them (no damaged, soiled, or poor condition items please). We will gratefully receive any donations and thank you in advance for these.

We wish all our families a safe and happy half-term break!

Yours faithfully

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