



### REMINDER

Parents' Evenings will not be going ahead as planned on 10 and 11 February.

It is hoped that face to face meetings can be arranged for later in the school year.

Further details will follow in due course.

### Attendance Still Matters

As school is closed to the vast majority of children, due to Covid, we will not be able to report weekly attendance figures, as we usually do.

However, attendance is still extremely important, so please do all you can to ensure your child engages with the remote learning that all staff are working hard to provide.

If you require any additional support from school, please contact us. The school office is still manned full time (Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm).

We all think, plan, organise, reflect, learn, question and respond in different ways. Meta-cognition is about providing your child(ren) with the strategies, time and opportunities to improve their understanding about themselves. In school, we use all sorts of ways to promote this area, in order that your child(ren) can then improve and accelerate their learning.



## META-COGNITION... thinking about thinking!

So, what can you do to help your child(ren)?

- **Provide a plan** for the day - they can then prepare themselves for the bits they might find the hardest.
- **Talk a lot** (particularly before doing).
- **Before a task** - ask them to think about what they will need, how they will complete the task, and how they will know if they have been successful.
- **During a task** - ask them to think about how well it's going, and whether they need to change anything in order to complete it successfully.
- **After a task** - ask them to evaluate how well they have done and whether they would change anything next time.
- **Model** how you think and organise things.
- **Externalise your thought process**, so they can hear the way you think about a given situation, problem or learning.

Lockdown is an excellent opportunity for you to demonstrate your thinking processes, including how you approach a task and how you overcome challenges.



Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 6L who say ... This term, through our morning English Zoom calls, we have been working on writing a very persuasive speech about Climate Change. This week, we managed to finish our speech and record it in a way that engages and inspires the audience, and shows the speaker's passion for the subject. During science, we have been learning about our circulatory system with the red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. In computing, we have been working on image editing and we've also managed to have a bit of fun with Joe Wicks and Gymnastics!

