



Issue 1  
Autumn Term

# EDMONTON COUNTY primary Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 7th September 2018



## ★ WELCOME BACK! ★

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year, 2018-19! Although Autumn has officially started, the summer weather is still largely with us, it seems, and I hope you were all able to enjoy a restful summer break with family and friends.

**Getting into good routines:** It is sometimes difficult to get back into good habits after a long break, but I would like to remind you all of the importance of making sure that your child:

- ◆ is getting enough sleep; around 10 hours per night is recommended - tired children find it difficult to focus and to learn
- ◆ is getting a good breakfast - hungry children find it difficult to concentrate and work well with others
- ◆ is punctual to school - missing valuable learning time means your child makes less progress
- ◆ is attending school, except for exceptional circumstances (such as illness) - anything less than 95% attendance is known hold back a child's progress
- ◆ is in full uniform - we have high standards of dress at our 'always smart' school
- ◆ is doing homework (this is a key part of the learning process), and discussing the tasks with you - parents have a key role in supporting their child's progress
- ◆ is reading regularly, perhaps with you - good literacy skills underpin all other learning
- ◆ is not getting too much 'screen time'; no more than 2 hours per day - research suggests that too much screen time can cause sleep and attention-span problems

**There are a number of improvements and developments in our lovely primary school which you should be aware of:**

We now have Year 6 classes (taught by Ms Phiakkou, Miss Richards and Ms Khanom) and so Edmonton County is officially an 'all-through school'!

We will shortly welcome our new Reception class, Caterpillar, (taught by Ms Fagan) who will be starting their school journey over the next two weeks

As well as the Fit-for-Sport Breakfast Club and extended after-school clubs, we have an improved range of our own ECS Primary after-school clubs - remember that you will need to pay up-front for a whole term of sessions in order to secure you child's place - these start next week.

Our canteen has now started serving its tasty new Autumn menu!

**Collecting your child/ren after school:**

With the continuing good weather, I would encourage everyone to walk (or scooter, or cycle) to and from school - good for everyone's health and the environment!

As the size of the school increases, there is an even greater need to be thoughtful when bringing your child to school by car. Thank you for your on-going consideration of local residents, pedestrians and other parents / carers.

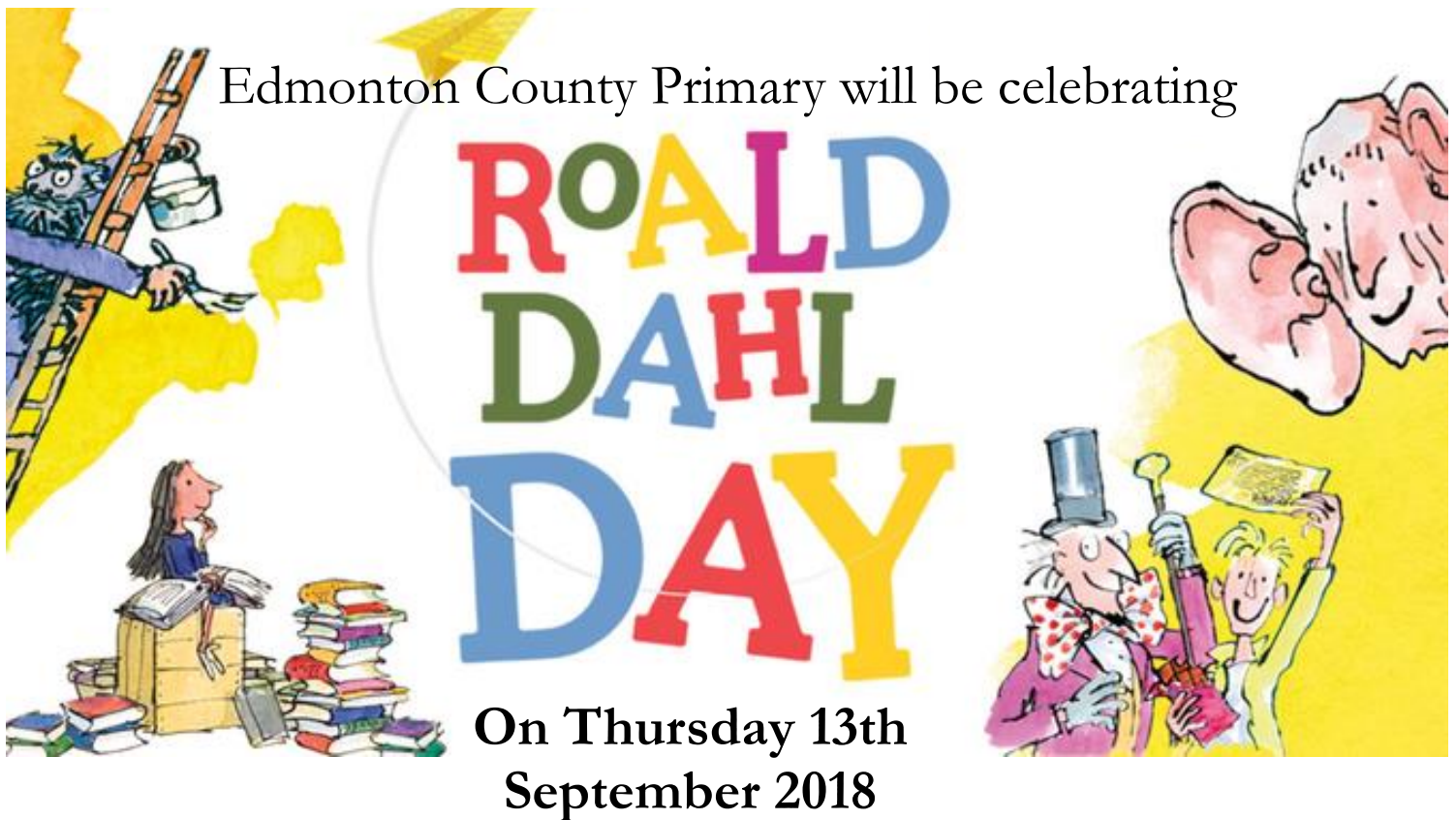
*Please note that, for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents there is a new system for waiting when collecting your child after school (you should have received a text about this) - please can parents wait behind the cones opposite the designated collection point until your child is brought down by their teacher or teaching assistant. Thank you for your cooperation with this – it makes for a much safer and more orderly end to the day!*

**Secondary School Open Evening - a reminder for parents of Year 6 (and Year 5) parents:**

For Year 6 (and Year 5) parents it's getting close to the time when decisions about secondary schools need to be made. One of the many advantages of belonging to our all-through school is that parents do NOT need to apply for a place in Edmonton County's secondary phase - children will automatically transfer from Year 6 to Year 7. *Our Secondary School Open Evening is held on September 27th (more details to follow soon).* For information about other local secondary schools and their open evenings, please go to <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/school-admissions-and-information/admissions-applications/#3>

Wishing everyone a successful 2018-19!

Mr Miller  
Co-Head of Primary



The children will have the opportunity to read some of his most famous stories and enjoy activities related to these throughout the day.

**Any families who would like to dress up as a character from one of his stories on the day are welcome to do so.**

Here are some ideas:



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CHALLENGE

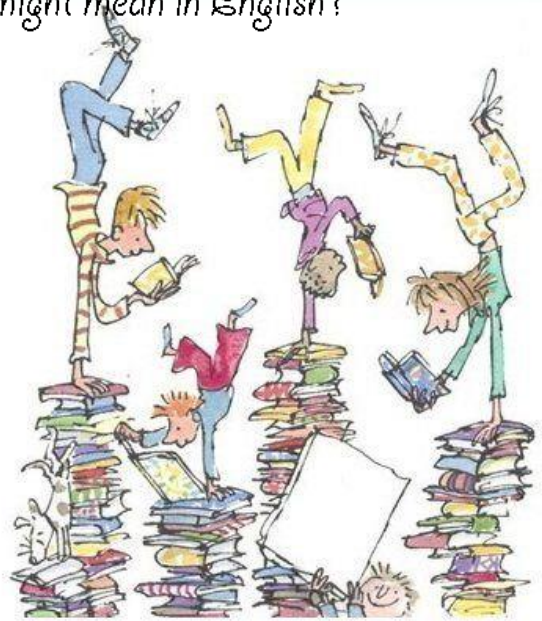


Mrs Phiakkou's Literacy Challenge

# Roald Dahl Day Challenge

The BFG is one of Dahl's most wonderful characters! He speaks 'Gobblefunk'. Can you have a go at working out what these words might mean in English?

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| uckyslush         | scrotty       |
| crockadowndillies | trogglehumper |
| gogglers          | chittering    |
| whoppsy           | redunculus    |
| swizzfiggling     | titchy        |
| wigglish          | jiggyraffes   |
| snitching         | mintick       |
| jabbeling         | boggled       |
| glumptious        | grubble       |
| chiddler          | bellypoppers  |



Miss Arnel's Maths Challenge

When the difference between A and B is rounded to the nearest 100, the answer is 700.

When the difference between B and C is rounded to the nearest 100, the answer is 400.

A, B and C are not multiples of 10.

What could A, B and C be?



## Academic Year 2018-19

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### Autumn Term 2018

*INSET – Monday 03 September 2018*

First half: Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Friday 19 October 2018

**Half-term: Monday 22 October 2018 – Friday 26 October 2018**

Second half: Monday 29 October 2018 – Friday 21 December 2018

*INSET – Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December 2018*

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### Spring Term 2019

*INSET – Monday 07 January 2019*

First half: Tuesday 08 January 2019 – Friday 15 February 2019

**Half-term: Monday 18 February 2019 – Friday 22 February 2019**

Second half: Monday 25 February 2019 – Thursday 11 April 2019

*INSET – Friday 12 April 2019*

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### Summer Term 2019

First half: Monday 29 April 2019 – Friday 24 May 2019

**Half-term: Monday 27 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019**

Second half: Monday 03 June 2019 – Friday 19 July 2019

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***INSET – Staff Professional Development Days – School is closed to students***

*Monday 03 September 2018*

*Thursday 20 December 2018*

*Friday 21 December 2018*

*Monday 07 January 2019*

*Friday 12 April 2019*



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### Public & Bank Holidays

Christmas Holiday: Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December 2018

New Year's Day: Tuesday 01 January 2019

Easter Holiday: Friday 19 April and Monday 22 April 2019

Spring Holiday: Monday 06 and Monday 27 May 2019

Summer Holiday: Monday 26 August 2019

Before and after school the Primary Office is particularly busy.

You can always email

[primary@edmonton.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:primary@edmonton.enfield.sch.uk) and we will reply to your email or call you back.