**Mrs. Pratchett.**

**Her name was Mrs. Pratchett. She was a small, skinny old bag with a moustache on her upper lip and a mouth as sour as a green gooseberry. She never smiled. She never greeted us when we came in. The only times she spoke was when she said things like, “I’m watching you, so keep your thieving fingers off them chocolates,” or, “I don’t want you here just looking around. Either show me your money or get out.”**

**But by far the most loathsome thing about Mrs. Pratchett was the filth that clung around her. Her apron was gray and greasy. Her blouse had bits of breakfast all over it, toast crumbs and tea stains and splotches of dried egg yolk. It was her hands, however, that disturbed me the most. They were disgusting. They were black with dirt and grime. They looked as though they had been putting black ink into pens all day long. And it was those very hands and fingers that were putting our lollies into packets or holding our ice cream cones (she never used a tissue). She had never heard of the health laws and, as hers was the only shop around where we lived, we had no choice but to go there when we had a craving for something sweet, like Coke bottles or Jelly Beans or Jet Planes. The mere sight of her grimy right hand with its black fingernails digging into a jar of wine gums would have caused a starving tramp to go running from the shop. But not us.**

**Lollies were our lifeblood. We would have put up with far worse to get them. We simply stood and watched in sullen silence while this disgusting old woman stirred around inside the jars with her foul fingers.**

**(adapted from Boy, by Roald Dahl).**

1. In your English book, draw a picture of Mrs Pratchett using the boy’s description of her.
2. How does the boy feel about Mrs Pratchett?
3. Write down 6 words / phrases that show his opinion of Mrs Pratchett?
4. Make a list of everything we know about Mrs Pratchett after reading this text.

***YOUR TURN!!!***

OK – so now we’ve looked at Mrs Pratchett (and Roald Dahl’s description of her), it’s time for you to practice writing about someone!!

Consider how Dahl reflects his feelings for Mrs Pratchett in the words he chose to use when describing her.

Pick a family member that you know well. Using the description of Mrs Pratchett as a guide, write a description of the family member you have chosen. Make sure you reflect your opinion of the person in the words you choose to use.

Your description (like a personal story) should have:

* Introduction: Let the reader know who the person is and what

they do. The reader should discover how you know the person and what your opinion of them is.

* Body Paragraph 1: The physical description – what they look like and

what they wear.

* Body Paragraph 2: The personal characteristics – how they move, what

they typically say, their habits.

* Conclusion: A final few sentences that really sum up what the

person is like. Your reader should be certain about how you feel about the person.