



# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 5 – Egyptian Mummification

Year 5 learnt about Egyptian Mummification this week by mummifying bananas! First they cleaned them before creating a slit in the side. Once they had removed the inside (mimicking removing the organs), they dried out the skin using salt before stuffing the banana to keep its shape. Next they drew amulets onto the skin to help a smooth transition to the afterlife, before wrapping and sealing the mummified banana.



## Medicines

A reminder that staff at school are able to administer prescribed medicines to children during the school day. These should be given to the school office by a parent/carer. Children are not to bring/keep any medicines in school themselves.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS/VALUE STARS



## School Council – Guide Dog Fundraising

As part of our courageous advocacy work, the school council decided to support the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. This week the school enjoyed a visit from a working guide dog in their Thursday collective Worship, followed by a Woofti Day and Cake Sale. So far we have raised over £217 and we hope to add to this when the cakes are sold.

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL**

Bereal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are automatically notified to take a picture, which they upload to their feed. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select particularly glamorous or exciting activity. Bereal shares two pictures a day, one of each user's immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

**13+** Age Restriction

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS**  
Bereal developers won't assist to be on a regular and pressing notification list. However, the app's notification pop-ups are designed to be as persistent as possible, so you can't ignore them. This means you'll be notified of every post, comment, and reaction to your photos, which can be distracting and annoying.
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**  
When you connect with friends, you're also connecting with strangers. The app's algorithm suggests friends based on location, which means you could be connected to people you don't know. This means your child could potentially be contacted by strangers.
- PUBLIC SHARING**  
All posts on Bereal are public. This means anyone can see your child's photos, even if they're not connected to you. This means your child's photos could be seen by anyone, even if they're not connected to you.
- LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS**  
Bereal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. However, this will not stop you from receiving notifications. This means you'll still be notified of every post, comment, and reaction to your photos, which can be distracting and annoying.
- STOP AND THINK**  
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- KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS**  
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- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**  
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**Advice For Parents & Carers**

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr. Sarah Johnson is a primary school educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and online safety programs for schools. She has written various government reports and presented at national conferences on child protection and online safety.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @nationalonlinesafety

## Dates for the Diary

### October

Tues 22nd	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Wed 23rd	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5pm
Thursday 24th	Parents Evening 5pm to 7pm
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service in Church
	Enrichment afternoon
	Term Ends

### November

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens
Wc 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day

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