



## Crocus Class Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Hello Everyone

Today would have officially been the end of the Spring Term with a two-week break from school. So now is the time to have a break from your home learning and have quality family time preparing for Easter at home. Here are a few ideas of fun Easter activities that you may want to do, all we ask is that you **read something every day, enjoy sharing stories** together and perhaps **write letters or send emails** to friends and relatives during the holidays.

Children - Don't forget to keep in touch using **2Email on Purple Mash** It can accessed on <https://purplemash.com/inkpen> or google/search for purple mash and select *Inkpen Primary School* in the school portal section. You will need your username and password. If you have lost it, contact us via our teacher email or through school.

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Our **RE** this term is learning about the Easter Story and how Christians prepare for Easter. Remember when we made pancakes in school for Shrove Tuesday, we talked about Lent being the time leading up to Easter and why Christians often choose to give something up for Lent. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April is known as Palm Sunday which marks the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and people threw palm leaves on the ground as a greeting for his arrival. For Christians, this also signals the beginning of Holy Week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PSgoPdKQFQ> The Story of Easter – The Beginners Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2RuRFxJOU0> Veggie Tales 'Twas the night before Easter'

**Parents – please check for yourself that you are happy for your child to watch the above youtube links.**

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2020/03/24/easter-home-learning-pack/> This pack has several ideas for finding about Easter.

<https://request.org.uk/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/> This is in the pack above and we can recommend this as a fun, practical activity to do together, re-using and recycling items from your home and garden.

### Ideas for Easter Activities

#### Egg Hunt

Cut out lots of egg shapes from an empty cereal box, write a one-digit number in the middle then decorate the eggs with colourful patterns. Ask an adult to make a hole at the top of each egg shape and thread a piece ribbon, wool or string through it and knot the two ends together. When you have made lots and lots of eggs, ask an adult to hang them up around the garden or indoors if it's raining.

#### Now it's **'Ready, Steady, Go!**

Go and find 3 eggs. You could use a timer if you have one. When you have found 3 eggs, you need to add the numbers together in your head. Use your fingers to help you. If you get it right, you can go and find 3 more eggs.

This is just one idea using numbers - another could be to find 2 eggs and use the symbols  $>$ ,  $<$  or  $=$  to compare the two numbers (like we do in school).

### Easter crafts

- Make a basket - to put your eggs in! Here are some ideas on the internet.  
<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2017/04/plastic-bottle-easter-basket.html>  
<https://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/easterbasketseggholderscraftsideaskids.html>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tz1ccR4A\\_Pk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tz1ccR4A_Pk)
- Design an Easter card to email on Purple mash.
- Things to cook -  
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/easter-kids>  
<https://www.joskitchenlarder.com/easter-biscuits/> dairy & egg free/vegan Easter Biscuits

We would love to see pictures of anything you make over Easter.

### Easter word game

Write the letters for 'Happy Easter' on to card. Cut up all the letters and spread out in front of you. Now just using these letters, how many words you can make. Make a list of the words you find - here are a few to start you off: *hat, east, her, step*

Challenge your family to see how many words you can each find in 3 minutes (a bit like the game Boggle).

### More ideas:

- Make an Easter storybook about the adventures of a baby chick.
- Write an Easter poem (or find one online to copy neatly), decorate it and send as an Easter Card.
- Draw an Easter bunny, chick and egg out of ovals, triangles, circles, rectangles, squares and other 2d shapes. How many of each shape have you used?
- Make Easter bunny and chick stick-puppets, finger-puppets or sock-puppets. Put on a puppet show to as an Easter gift for your family.

### Keeping in touch

Parents and carers - if you have anything you specifically wish to ask us then please contact us on our school emails below.

Just another reminder to find out about the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Look for pictures and videos of *Pica-Pica and Apollo* (our adopted baby elephant and rhino). <https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>  
If you use Instagram, you can follow them where they post photos and videos of the animals daily.

**Look out for our next newsletter on the school website on 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

Last of all, we are curious to know how your sunflower seeds are doing? Have they started growing yet? Please let us know.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!



**Happy  
Easter!**

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