



# EASTER

- some information



- Easter is the time when people celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead.



- Pagan traditions give us the English word "Easter" which comes from the word "Eostre".
- The English word Easter comes from the Anglo – Saxon name for the month of April, which was known as "Eostremonath"



- In Britain children have two weeks off school when it is Easter. They finish school a few days before the Easter weekend.



# GOOD FRIDAY

- It is the Friday before Easter Sunday (Easter Day).
- On Good Friday, Christians remember the day when Jesus was crucified on a cross.



- It is traditional to eat warm 'hot cross buns' on Good Friday .
- The cross on top of the buns symbolises and reminds Christians of the cross that Jesus was killed.





# EASTER SUNDAY

## [ EASTER DAY ]

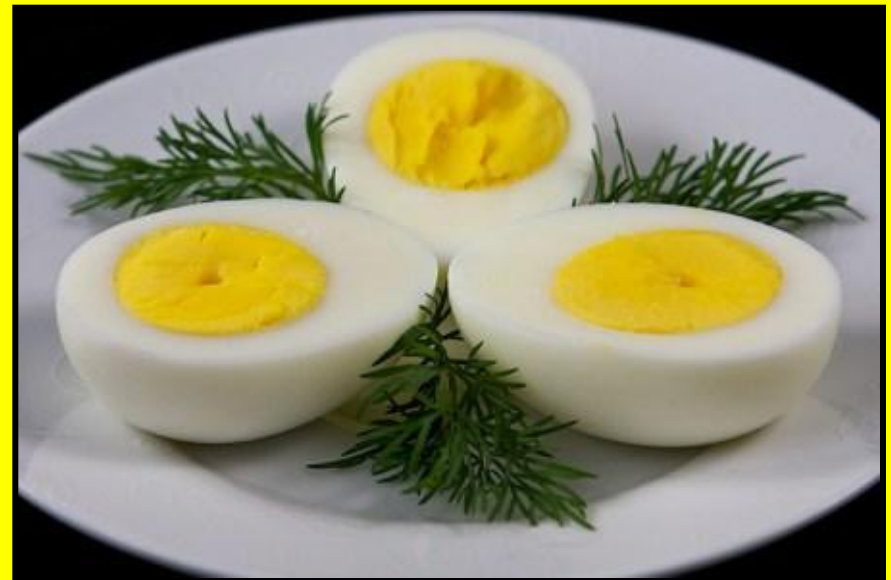
- On Easter Sunday (Easter Day) Christians gather together on a hill to watch the sun rise.



- Then they have breakfast with the family.



- **Boiled eggs** are traditionally served at breakfast. After breakfast people go to church for a service to celebrate Jesus rising from the dead.



- At home, everyone gives each other chocolate eggs.



- In England children get big ones filled with sweets.



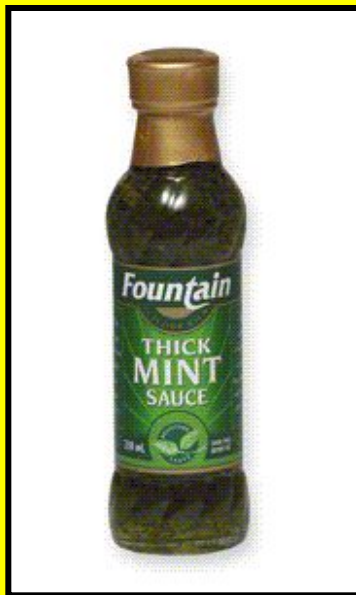


- Around 80 million chocolate eggs are eaten each year in Britain.





- **Roast lamb** is the traditional meat for the main meal on Easter Day. It is served with mint sauce and vegetables.



- The traditional Easter pudding is **custard tarts**.



- After dinner children play the game – **Easter Egg Hunt**. Parents hide small chocolate eggs in the garden or at home and children try to find them.





- Later in the afternoon people have a special **Easter Cake for tea** – it's **Simnel cake**.

The Simnel cake is a rich fruitcake covered with a thick layer of almond paste (marzipan). A layer of marzipan is also traditionally baked into the middle of the cake.

Eleven balls of marzipan are placed around the top to represent the eleven true disciples (excluding Judas).



**Simnel cake**



# *EASTER MONDAY*



- **Egg rolling** is very popular in England and is an **Easter Monday** sport.

Hard-boiled eggs are rolled down a hill.





HAPPY  
EASTER

