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Hot on the tails of my recent post on [idioms about mums](#) for Mother's Day, this week's blog takes a look at popular phrases and sayings related to Easter.

Not surprisingly, most Easter idioms in English are associated with rabbits, chickens, eggs and lambs – but I thought I'd sneak in a couple of chocolate-based expressions for good measure!

Bunnies galore

As mad as a March hare = crazy, eccentric

Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed = alert and lively; eager

Catch somebody on the hop = do something when someone isn't ready for it

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Happy bunny = someone who's satisfied with a situation

Hop it! = used to tell someone to go away

Hop on the

bandwagon = become involved with or support an activity/cause that's recently become popular

Hopping mad = very angry; jumping up and down with rage

Like a rabbit caught in the headlights = so surprised or frightened that you can't move or think

Pull (or bring) a rabbit out of the hat = come up with an unexpected solution to a problem

Rabbit on = continue talking about something that's of no interest to the other person

Going cheep

Chickens come home to roost = one's past mistakes will resurface and cause present troubles

Count one's chickens = treat something that hasn't happened yet as a certainty (from the proverb, *don't count your chickens before they're hatched*)

Empty nester = person whose children have grown up and left home

Fly the coop = make one's escape

Fly the nest = young person leaving their parents' home to set up home elsewhere

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Lay something at someone's door = name someone as responsible for something

Like a hen with one chick(en) = overly fussy, overanxious

No spring chicken = someone who's not exactly young anymore

Run around like a headless chicken = act in a panic-stricken, directionless manner

Eggs-travaganza

As sure as eggs is eggs = certainly, beyond any doubt

Bad egg/good egg = untrustworthy/reliable person



Chicken-and-egg situation = unresolved question as to which of two things caused the other

Don't put all your eggs in one basket (proverb) = don't depend completely on one plan, with nothing to fall back on if things go wrong

Egghead = very clever person who's only interested in studying

Egg on = encourage someone to do something foolish or risky

Get cracking = start to act quickly and energetically

Have egg on your face = look stupid because of something you've done

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Kill the goose that lays the golden eggs = destroy a reliable and valuable source of income

Nest egg = amount of money that's been saved or kept for a special purpose

Teach someone's grandmother to suck eggs = offer unnecessary advice to someone who's older and more experienced

Walk on eggshells = be very diplomatic so as not to offend

You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs (proverb) = in order to achieve something, something has to be destroyed or sacrificed

Down on the farm...

Black sheep = someone who's viewed by the family or group as an outcast because of their behaviour

Mutton dressed as lamb = an older woman dressed in clothes more suited to a younger woman

The grass is always greener on the other side = the belief that an alternative will be better, even though it probably won't be

Chocoholics unite

Chocolate-box = used to describe a pretty view or picture

Chocolate fireguard/kettle/teapot = something that is utterly useless or pointless

Which of these Easter idioms is your favourite? Do you have any others to share?

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