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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 experience

*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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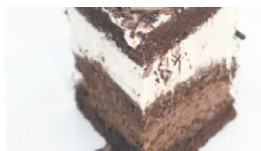
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