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Monday

# Goodies

## Happy Easter



**E**ASTER is just around the corner! Christians everywhere are celebrating because this holiday is very special to them and it has many traditions. But in Hong Kong, you do not need to be a Christian to celebrate the week that many see as their spring break.

Yay, we have a week off!

I can celebrate with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt!

### Editor's Note

Hello! Easter is a holiday that is really big in Europe and South America but not here in Asia. In some countries it is even bigger than Christmas. That is because there are many Christians in those countries, so the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important thing for them. However, most kids think this festival is all about eating chocolate Easter eggs. I never received one as a kid because my parents never bought me one – they always said it was bad for my teeth! Easter is also a time for rebirth and new beginnings. Turn to P02 to learn more.



Simon





# Spring cheer

**M**ANY places all over the world **celebrate** Easter. Take a look at the origins of the holiday and what customs it has.



## Origins

THE holiday is a celebration of spring, which has to do with birth and **fertility**. **Hares** and eggs symbolise these two themes. The word 'Easter' comes from the German goddess Eostre. Early Christians adopted this idea because Jesus was reborn, just like living things in spring.

## What is Easter?

EASTER is a **Christian** holiday that started 2,000 years ago, when Jesus died and then came back to life. Christians go to church on this day, but the holiday actually does not always fall on the same date. It is actually always the first Sunday after a full moon following 21 March.



## Customs

IN the West, children often help **decorate** hard-boiled eggs with paints, and then adults will hide them for an Easter egg hunt. Sometimes there is an Easter egg roll instead. Foods eaten on this holiday include chocolate bunnies and eggs, and **peeps**.



Spot four differences between these two photos.



Answers on P12

## Vocabulary

celebrate (v) 慶祝  
Christian (adj) 基督徒的

fertility (n) 生育能力  
hare (n) 野兔

decorate (v) 裝飾  
peep (n) 棉花糖小雞

## Challenge

