



**CHRIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**
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HAPPY EASTER!



Yay – we’ve made it! It’s so great to have reached the Easter Holidays... I think we are all ready for a good break (and a bit more sunshine) 😊

A HUGE ‘Well done’ to all our children for the amazing resilience and positivity they have shown during this difficult time – you are all SUPER STARS!

Have a wonderful holiday... and **STAY SAFE!**

Mrs Richardson

Homemade Playdough Recipe

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too)
- 1/2 cup salt.
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar.
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- food colouring (adding this to the boiling water helps it even the colour)
- few drops glycerine (optional but makes it extra stretchy and shiny)



1. Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
2. Add food colouring to the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
3. Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
4. Add the glycerine (optional)
5. Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone.
6. If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right.

Try adding different colours, glitter or even vanilla / lemon extract to make it smell nice!

Easter is not a good time to be an egg...



RANDOM FUN FACT

When a rabbit is happy it will jump and twist, sometimes in both directions one after another, before landing.

This is known as a 'bunny binky'.

Most baby rabbits will often perform bunny binkies to show you how happy you make them.



RECIPE

This is a family recipe which I remember my grandmother making when I was a child. We've always called them 'Easter Biscuits' - but they are tasty all year round. Enjoy!

Ingredients

6oz butter / marg

4oz caster sugar

2 egg yolks

1.5oz currants

8oz plain flour

¼ tsp mixed spice

¼ tsp cinnamon



- Cream together the butter and sugar.
- Add the egg yolks and beat.
- Mix in the currents.
- Finally add the flour, spice and cinnamon.
- Roll out to about 8mm thick.
- Use a round cutter to make the biscuit shape.
- Bake in a moderate oven for 12 mins.
- Brush with a glaze (made from egg white & a bit of sugar).
- Cook for a further 3 minutes until golden.

FANTASTIC FILMS

Springtime with Roo (U)

This Easter film is a must see for younger children, and for those young at heart! Rabbit is avoiding all things 'Easter' and won't let the others celebrate either. Join Roo, with his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood, as he tries to discover what has changed Rabbit from an Easter Bunny to Easter-Grump!



Hop! (PG)

EB, the Easter Bunny's teenage son, heads to Hollywood - determined to become a drummer in a rock 'n' roll band. Disaster strikes and he ends up living with Fred. As both struggle to deal with the situation, they also learn to grow up.



Reflection

Imagine you can hear crowds shouting & jeering. You can see a man struggling up a hill with heavy planks of wood on his back. You can hear people crying. You feel great sadness.

You are in a garden. You can hear women talking; they are excited. You can hear footsteps running. You look around you and see a figure. You can see Jesus standing alive; all your doubts and fears are lifted. You feel joyful and happy.



This Holy Week and beyond 'Diddy Disciples' are providing **free** audio storytelling and prayer resources:

www.diddydisciples.org/thechurchathome

- simple audio times of prayer for families
- audio storytelling for babies and toddlers during Holy Week and Easter
- audio storytelling for children aged 3-9 during Holy Week and Easter

Why don't you... Make your own **EASTER GARDEN**

YOU WILL NEED:

- A tray or plant pot
- Soil or compost
- Moss (or grass)
- Egg carton
- 2 matchsticks or twigs
- A small piece of white cloth
- Glue or string
- Large stone and some pebbles



(3) Next, cut a section of the egg box so you have one egg holder. Lay this on its side on top of the soil. **This represents the tomb that Jesus was placed in when he was taken off the cross on Good Friday.** Next, fold your piece of cloth and place it inside the egg box. **This represents the cloth that Jesus was wrapped in which was left inside the tomb when he rose again on Easter Sunday.** Place the large stone over the front of the tomb to seal it.



(1) I've used a seed tray, but see what you can find at home (make sure you ask an adult first if it's okay to use it).

Some ideas could be: a plant pot, bucket or a smaller version could be made using an old margarine tub.



(4) Now it's time to make your cross. **This represents the cross Jesus died on.** For this you can use either **USED** matchsticks, **WHICH YOU MUST ASK AN ADULT FOR**, or two small twigs. Make them into a cross and secure them with either glue or string. You may need an adult to help you. On the opposite corner to the tomb, place some moss on top of the soil and stick your cross through it into the soil below.



(2) When you've chosen your container, fill it with soil or compost. As it's a garden it is good to have a plant or flowers in it - I've planted a pansy.

Don't worry if you haven't got a plant to put in, you could always make some paper flowers using card or tissue paper and use straws or lollipop sticks for the stems – be creative!



(5) Finally use some small stones to make a path between the tomb and the cross.

There you have it ... your own Easter garden!

I hope you have had fun making it 😊

