

Pasqua in Italia

To say Happy Easter in Italian we say *Buona Pasqua* which actually means 'Good Easter'. The period leading up to Shrove Tuesday is called *Carnevale*. This is when preparations for Easter begin. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of Carnevale known as *Martedì Grasso* (Fat Tuesday).

La Quaresima meaning Lent comes just after the Carnevale period and lasts for 40 days. The first day of La Quaresima is *Il mercoledì delle Ceneri* meaning Ash Wednesday. On this day many Italians go to church and the priest rubs a cross onto their forehead using ash. La Quaresima ends on *Giovedì Santo* meaning Maundy Thursday.

La Settimana Santa (Holy Week) is the week leading up to Easter and the first day of this week is called *Domenica delle Palme* (Palm Sunday).

On *Il Venerdì Santo* (Good Friday), Italians don't eat meat. La Settimana Santa ends with la *Domenica di Pasqua* and after mass we celebrate by eating *Le Uova di Pasqua* (Chocolate Easter Eggs).

Another popular sweet traditionally eaten on Easter week is *La Colomba di Pasqua* (Easter Dove Cake). The Dove is used as a symbol of peace.

Fill in the Italian words

Happy Easter	
Carnival	
Shrove Tuesday	
Lent	
Ash Wednesday	
Maundy Thursday	
Palm Sunday	
Good Friday	
Holy Week	
Easter Eggs	
Dove Cake	

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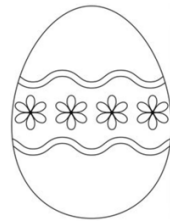
Il pulcino e` giallo



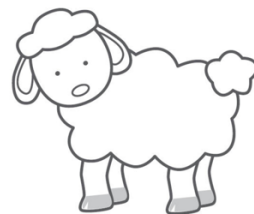
La chiesa e` marrone



L'uovo di Pasqua e` verde, rosa e viola



L'agnello e` bianco e nero



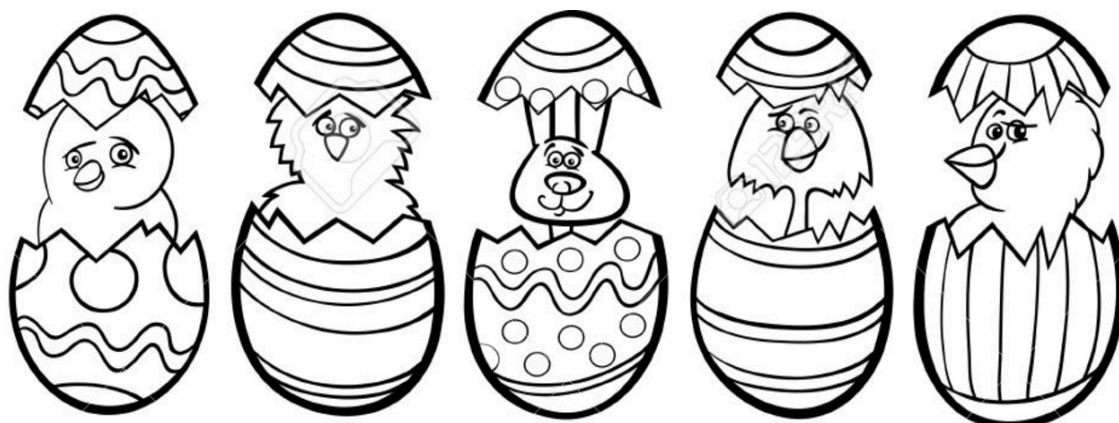
BUONA PASQUA A TUTTI !

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Buona Pasqua

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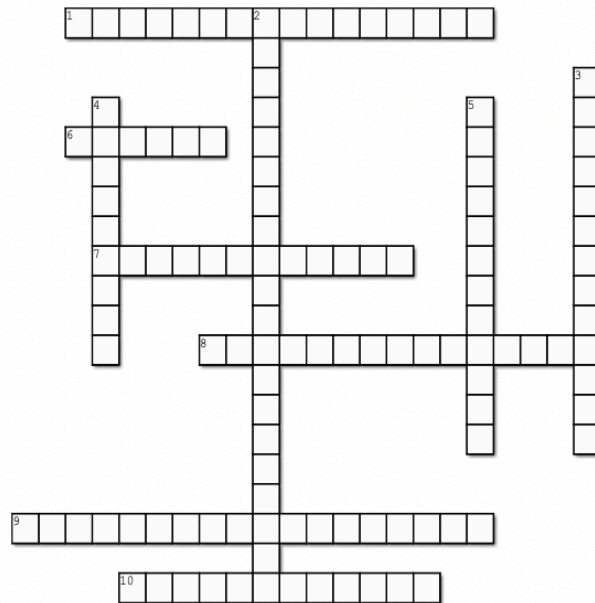
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COLOMBA
CHIESA
CERCARE
AGNELLO
CIOCCOLATO
UOVA
PULCINI



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Pasqua

Complete the crossword below



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Across

1. Holy Week
6. Easter
7. Good Friday
8. Dove Cake
9. Palm Sunday
10. Easter Egg

Down

2. Ash Wednesday
3. Shrove Tuesday
4. Carnival
5. Maundy Tuesday

