

## Dagene i fastelavn

Dagene i fastelavn hedder nogle forskellige ting.

Søndag hedder Fastelavn-søndag hvor børnene klæder sig ud og slår katten af tønden. I fx idrætsforeninger og boligforeninger. Der er også mange kirker der holder børnegudstjeneste til fastelavn, og derefter slår man katten af tønden og spiser boller og drikker saftvand.

Fastelavn-søndag var en af de sidste dage hvor man førhen måtte spise kød. Derfor hedder den også flæskesøndag.

Mandag hedder fastelavnsmandag hvor nutidens børn også klæder sig ud, denne gang for at slå katten af tønden i skolen, vuggestuen eller børnehaven. Førhen var denne dag også helliget fest og kødspisning ligesom flæskesøndag, og den hed derfor også flæskemandag.

Den tredje dag hedder hvidetirsdag, som næsten ikke fejres mere, men hvor man tidligere spiste fin hvid mad såsom hvidt brød eller mælk med hvedeboller i.

Onsdag hedder Askeonsdag, og fejres næsten heller ikke mere. Hvis man ville i kirke den dag, så skulle man - inden at man gik ind i kirken - have malet et kors i panden med aske. Derfor hedder dagen Askeonsdag. Askeonsdag starter også den lange 40 dages påskefaste, hvor man gennem bøn og afholdenhed skal forberede sig på den lange faste.

## The days during the Shrovetide

The days during Shrovetide are named different.

Sunday is called Shrove-Sunday, where the kids are dressing in costumes and turn the cat of the barrel in sport clubs or associations. A lot of churches are having children Worship that day, and turn the cat of the barrel together afterwards, and eat buns and drink juice.

Shrove-Sunday was one of the last times before Fasting where you were allowed to eat meat. Therefore it's also called 'Bacon-Sunday'.

Monday is called Shrove-Monday where the children of today is dressing up in costumes again, this time to turn the cat of the barrel in schools, daycares and kindergartens. Earlier this day was also meant to be used to party and eat meat like the Sunday, therefore it's also called 'Bacon-Monday'.

The third day is called 'White-Tuesday', but today we are not celebrating it anymore. Earlier on you were eating nice white bread and milk with dumplings made out of flavour.

Wednesday is called 'Ash-Wednesday', and isn't celebrated as well. If you wanted to go to church that day, then you should – before going into the church – paint a cross on your brow with ashes. That's why the day is called ash-Wednesday. Ash- Wednesday is also the day which begin the 40 day long Fasting for Easter, where you are supposed to pray show abstinence and prepare the coming fasting days.