

A Letter To A Friend – Chinese New Year

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Dear Nancy,

Hello! How are you? I'm working hard with my homework. What about you? How about the weather in Britain? Is it snowing? I know you will visit Hong Kong soon. Let me tell you something about the customs of Chinese New Year and how Hong Kong people prepare for it.

Before Chinese New Year, Hong Kong people buy new clothes. It means a new start of a year. Also, we clean and decorate our house. On Chinese New Year Eve, we go to the flower market in Victoria Park after finishing our "reunion dinner". It is a chance for all family members to meet together.

During Chinese New Year, Hong Kong people eat special food like sweets. The most important custom is that married people give red packets to children. We say "Kung Hei Fat Choi" to our relatives or wish them have a good year. On the night of the second day of Chinese New Year, we watch the fireworks show at the water front. On the third day, we go to Wong Tai Sin Temple to hope for good luck.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Please send my regards to your family.

Yours,

Chris Wong

Teacher's Feedback : Chris is able to describe every detail of the customs of Chinese New Year. After reading this letter, I am sure everyone will know more about this festival. (Miss Lui Hoi Yee)

Food For Thought : What are the meanings behind the special customs of Chinese New Year?

