

Seven Types of Chinese New Year's Fun for Kids

1. Winter Vacation: Many festivals come with national public holidays, and they are happy times for children, as they get days off from school and a chance to have fun. Chinese New Year comes with the long winter vacation (about one month), bringing much happiness to kids.

2. Wearing New Clothes: Chinese New Year is the time for ringing out the old year and ringing in the new year. Chinese tradition believes that having a bath on New Year's Eve and wearing new clothes can bring fortune and health. Parents prepare new clothes for their kids.

3. Spending Time with Parents: There are lots of children in China who board at school or live with their grandparents or relatives. Their parents are mostly migrant workers, who only come back home during the Chinese New Year period. So Chinese New Year is a great time for kids to enjoy their parents' long-missed warm hugs and company.

4. Red Envelopes: Kids' Lucky Money: Red envelopes Every child has a chance to "get rich" at Chinese New Year, receiving red envelopes (money gifts in "lucky red" envelopes). During Chinese New Year, children receive many red envelopes from parents, elder relatives, and visitors. Some children receive over 10,000 yuan! Of course, most parents help their children to manage the money.

5. Fun with Chinese New Year Preparations: Every family in China does a lot of preparations for Chinese New Year, including shopping, decorating their homes, and New Year food preparation. Many families prepare New Year food themselves, including New Year cake, glutinous rice dumplings, biscuits, and desserts. Kids enjoy the DIY time with their families.

6. More Fun with New Year Activities: There are lots of special activities held in the Chinese New Year period, such as setting off firecrackers and fireworks, going to temple fairs, and watching lion and dragon dances. All of these are entertaining for kids.

7. Yet More Fun with New Year Visits: Most Chinese people are at leisure during the Chinese New Year period. During CNY, people either visit their relatives or friends, or wait for their relatives' or friends' visits. These visits bring kids many opportunities to enjoy trips with their parents and have fun with other kids.