

Chinese New Year Celebrations Story

There were red lanterns and red banners everywhere.

We had been cleaning to get rid of the bad luck and now it was time to make the most important meal of the year. This year, we made pork dumplings.

Dad bought the firecrackers on his way home and was looking forward to setting them off later.

We shared some yummy food and everything had a meaning. The dumplings were for good luck.

Afterwards, I got lucky red envelopes with money inside and the wish for good health.

At midnight, Dad lit the firecrackers outside the house to keep bad luck away for another year.

The best thing about New Year is it lasts for two weeks!

So, the next day, we travelled into town to see the dragon parade and meet more friends.

On the 15th day, we saw thousands of lanterns floating into the sky and then went home to bed.



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