



## Who was the first Santa Claus?



The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara, now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents died while Nicholas was still young. Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He was then appointed a Bishop and Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love for children.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value. The greater the value, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. This poor man's daughters were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, a bag of gold appeared in their home. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes.

## Christmas Jokes

What do elves learn in school?  
The Elf-abet!



What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas?  
Sandy Clause!

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary one?  
The Christmas alphabet has Noel!

What is the best Christmas present in the world?  
A broken drum. You can't beat it!



How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?  
Deep and crisp and even!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
Is it Christmas, Eve!

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?  
A mince spy!



## New Teachers:



Linda Li went to the University of Alberta in Canada and holds a degree in Biological Science.

Her favourite things about HK are eating noodles and going to the country parks and beaches in her free time. Her favourite building is the HK Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wanchai

**Winnie Chan** attended Imperial College London and graduated with a BSc in Bio Chemistry.



Winnie's favourite place in HK is Causeway Bay because she loves to go shopping there. Her favourite food is dim sum and her Chinese horoscope is the Tiger.

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**Mr Terry's favourite:**  
Food: Curry  
Cartoon: Tom & Jerry  
Hobby: Rugby



**Ivan Lui's favourite:**  
Food: Chocolate  
Cartoon: Doraemon  
Hobby: Football



**Jodie Lo's favourite:**  
Food: Bananas  
Cartoon: Cinderella  
Character: Hello Kitty



**Ben Kong's favourite:**  
Food: Chocolate  
Film: Harry Potter  
Hobby: Football



**Ivan Lui's favourite:**  
Character: Big Bird  
TV show: Sesame Street



**Ms Julie's favourite:**  
Food: Cheesecake  
TV show: Any Documentary  
Hobby: Reading