



Goodies

Hooray for Daddy



I can take
my dad
to Ocean
Park!

You should go
where your
dad wants to
go instead!



In May we had Mother's Day, but did you know that dads get their own holiday, too? This coming Sunday is actually Father's Day! Perhaps you should work with your mum and get him a nice tie. Or you can draw your papa a nice holiday card. Whatever you do, just remember to behave well on that day. Read on to learn how this special day became celebrated worldwide.





Thanking fathers everywhere

DO you celebrate Father's Day with your dad? Many people a long time ago worked hard to create this day. They thought it was important to take time to thank your dad for being there for you.

Days to celebrate

THERE are actually different dates for Father's Day in different parts of the world. Some European (歐洲的) and South American (南美洲的) countries celebrate it on 19 March. In the **remaining** parts of the world, it is not on a **specific** date, but the third Sunday of June. On Father's Day, we **honour** our dads. These days, that often means treating your dad to a nice dinner or giving him a handmade gift.



Treat your fathers well on Father's Day!

Creating the holiday

IN parts of Europe and South America, 19 March was chosen because that day is St Joseph's Day – the day for Jesus's father on Earth. The third Sunday of June was first celebrated as Father's Day in the US, by a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd. She thought there should be a day for fathers, just like Mother's Day is for mums. Several US presidents tried to make it an **official** holiday, but none succeeded until US President Richard Nixon did in 1972.



▲ Sonora Smart Dodd

Chinese beliefs

THE idea of Father's Day is known **worldwide**, but the concept that came to China was the American one. Thus, mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau all celebrate it on the third Sunday of June. Some in Taiwan, on the other hand, celebrate it on 8 August, because Father's Day can be called Papa's Day (爸爸節), and 'papa' sounds like 'ba-ba' – eight-eight (八八) – in Mandarin. Either way, Father's Day is still not an official holiday among the Chinese.



When does Macau celebrate Father's Day?

- A. 19 March
- B. Third Sunday of June
- C. Second Sunday of May

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