



# Saint John's P.S.

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EDUCATING FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

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## **BRIGHT START**

Numbers are on the up! Make sure you have registered your child before commencing as a service user. Bright Start uses the junior entrance. Ring the doorbell to allow staff to let you in. Make sure you have the service mobile number in case they can't hear or are in the hall/ outside playing.

## **SCHOOL DAY**

Remind carers that from today Y1 will go home at 2.00pm and Y3 will go home at 3.00pm except for Fridays when it's 2.00pm.

## **CHEWING GUM**

Please remind your child that we do not permit chewing gum in school at any time and that includes trips and sports events.

## **BUDDING COMEDIAN**

Congrats to Shea in Y3 for getting Q Radio airtime for his fabulous joke: "What do you call a strawberry when it's sad?"

Answer: "A blueberry!"

Shea was delighted to win family tickets to 'We Are Vertigo' in Belfast. He amused the whole school when he re-told the joke at a recent assembly. We love to see confident children using their communication skills

## **ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

On that theme, we have a noticeboard in the school foyer, devoted to pupils who have a variety of achievements in the community. Molly in Y3 has her photo up with her dancing medals. Maybe your child has something from outside of school of which they are very proud. Send us a message via the website, or email a picture and we will hopefully have room for it.



## **OUR PUPILS GO ON TO DO GREAT THINGS**

We are delighted to keep in touch with St. Patrick's College, Maghera and to hear about how well our pupils go on to do. Year on year we hear of their great results at GCSE and A Level. Many come back in later years to tell us about their career choices and further study.

This year once again, the past pupils of St. John's achieved GCSE results higher than the College average. For example, 86% of our pupils achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade A\* to C, which includes English and Maths. This compares to the College average of 77.5%.

We firmly believe that at St. John's we equip our children with the right aptitudes and attitudes to learning along with a broad and balanced education which meets the needs of the whole child.

Well done to all.

## **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD?**

It was gratifying to see so many parents turn up for the meeting last Friday for those with children in KS1 and KS2.

Your feedback forms provided us with guidance about what parents want and need to hear.

Together in partnership, school and families can bring out the best in our young people. We are all on the same side!

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Keep checking that names have not washed out or have worn away on all belongings. We are working hard to get children to look after their own and school property. It's uphill at the moment but we will keep going.

## **HOLIDAYS FOR 2018-19**

**AUTUMN TERM**  
Monday 3rd Sept to Friday 21st December

Mid-term Monday 29th Oct to Friday 2nd Nov

**SPRING TERM**  
Monday 7th Jan to Thursday 18th April

Mid-term Wednesday 13th Feb to Tuesday 19th Feb

**SUMMER TERM**  
Monday 29th April to Friday 28th June

Bank Holidays 6th May, 27th May  
**PLUS CLOSED**  
Friday 24th May.

## **ROAD OF HOPE**

You will receive a leaflet explaining the way the charity works and how families can help others much worse off than ourselves. A shoebox filled with small essentials will bring joy to a child this Christmas.

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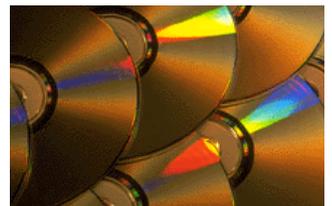
Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you’re trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to

the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter

can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated

every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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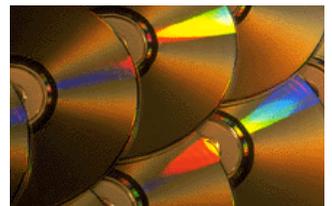
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Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
Email: [xyz@microsoft.com](mailto:xyz@microsoft.com)

Your business tag line here.

  
**Organization**

**We're on the Web!**  
**example.microsot**  
**t.com**

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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