

LINCOLNSHIRE PRIMARIES ARE HAILED FOR SOARAWAY SATs SUCCESS



Six primary schools in Lincolnshire have been praised by the Government for being among the best in the country.

They were each sent letters by Schools Minister David Laws after 100 per cent of their pupils made the grade in summer SATs exams.

He wrote to the 159 schools in the country where all year six pupils achieved the benchmark 4b grade in reading and mathematics and the level 4 grade in writing.

In Lincolnshire, letters were sent to Dunholme St Chad's Church of England Primary, Leasingham St Andrews CofE school, Billingborough Primary, Grasby All Saints, North Somercotes CofE Primary and Shepeau Stow Primary near Spalding.

In his letter, Mr Laws said: "Mastery of these subjects is crucial to success at secondary schools and beyond, so these pupils have now given themselves a really good start for the next stage of their education.

"I would like to congratulate your staff, governors and pupils for their hard work and success."

St Chad's headteacher Patricia Ruff was delighted with the school's third consecutive year of outstanding results.

She said: "It's the learning process that really matters and all children need to be engaged in their learning to do well.

"The primary years are about development and really nurturing attitudes to learning that go far beyond secondary school.

"We have really been thinking about how to nurture curiosity and what it looks like, the children are buzzing and taking ownership of their learning both in and out of the classroom. The whole community is enjoying learning, working together and using the local area and the outdoors for enquiry based learning."

The school was praised for its curriculum, which it says "embraces active learning with strong community links".

Debbie Barnes, director of children's services at Lincolnshire County Council, said: "It's a tribute to the hard work and efforts of all the staff, parents and governors. It's excellent to hear that their achievements have been recognised by David Laws."

