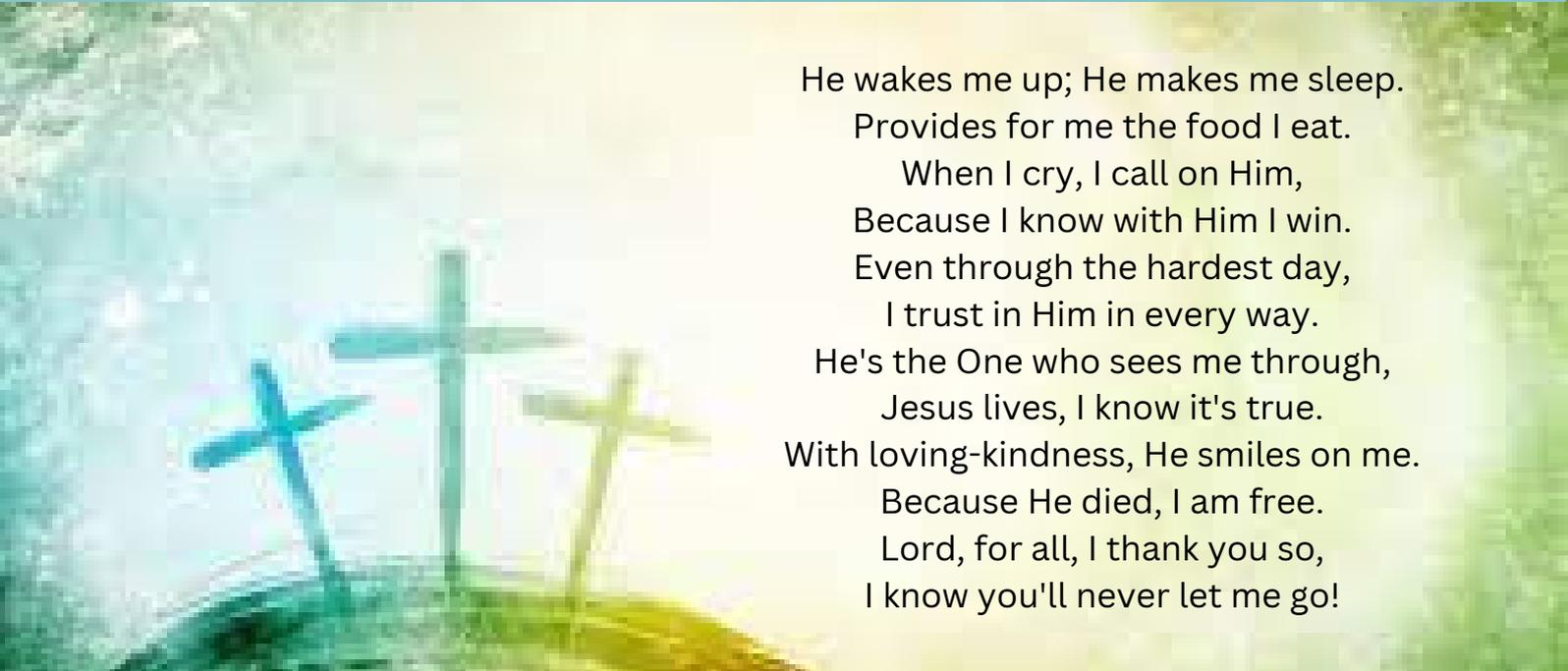


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St Ethelwold's VA School



He wakes me up; He makes me sleep.
Provides for me the food I eat.
When I cry, I call on Him,
Because I know with Him I win.
Even through the hardest day,
I trust in Him in every way.
He's the One who sees me through,
Jesus lives, I know it's true.
With loving-kindness, He smiles on me.
Because He died, I am free.
Lord, for all, I thank you so,
I know you'll never let me go!

Good afternoon and welcome to your weekly newsletter.

We are at the beginning of Bank Holiday season with 3 scheduled for this month, starting this coming Monday and then of course, the King's Coronation on Monday 8th and finally Spring Bank Holiday during the week of half term.

Speaking of the Coronation, preparations for the events in school are in full swing. The booklets we are producing are coming along very well and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school on Friday afternoon to enjoy the complimentary afternoon buffet.

Children have been given the chance to take part in Children in Need's Royally Big Portrait. The Royally Big Portrait will be a giant portrait of King Charles III that will feature thousands of individual portraits drawn by children across the UK. If your child brings home a portrait, you can upload it here:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/bbc-children-in-needs-royally-big-portrait/>

It has to be the parent/carer who uploads the picture rather than the school, so even if they do not bring a picture home with them, you can still take part at home. There is rather a tight timescale on this as the portraits need to be uploaded by the end of today.

Our school cook, Miss Brown, has said how pleased she is to see so many pupils taking up school lunches. As always - there is a good selection of meal options where children have a choice of two hot meals each day, as well as baked potatoes or sandwiches with a wide choice of fillings. Universal Free School Meals are now available to any children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and will be rolled out to all pupils by 2024.

Next Thursday is a themed Coronation lunch day with the menu widely shared on our school Facebook page.

We are looking at restarting our Parent Council, where a parent from each class and I meet each term to look at what we do well and areas where we need to improve, and then jointly work on those areas together. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please get in touch with Mrs Duggan in the school office.

We hope you all enjoy the extended weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Paul Oliver

Diary Dates

1st May- May Day Bank Holiday- School Closed

4th May- Themed menu

5th May- King's Coronation coffee afternoon

8th May- Coronation Bank Holiday- School Closed

12th May- Book Day Dress Up

22nd May- Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Year 2

8th June- Whole school sponsored event- details to follow

14th-16th June- Year 6 Pilgrimage

29th & 30th June- HHS transition days

20th July - INSET- school closed to pupils