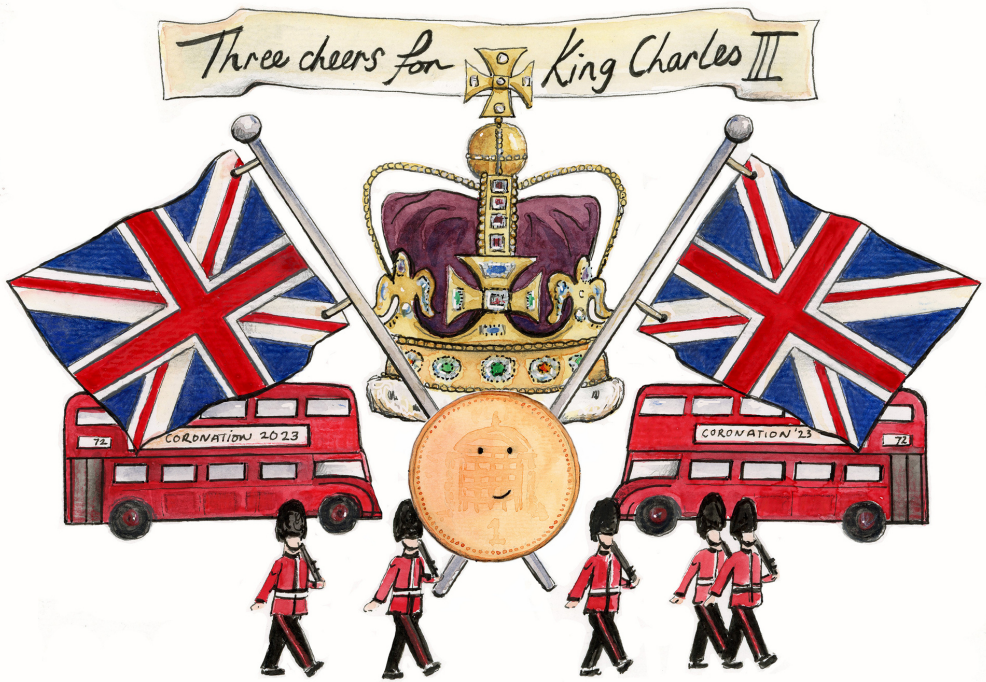


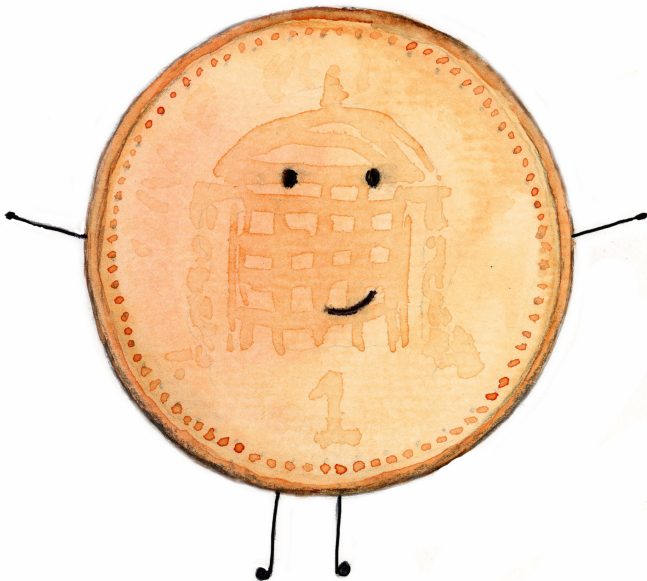
Bobby Penny &  
The Kings Coronation



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The sun was shining brightly this morning through the curtains of Charlie's bedroom window and Bobby Penny could hear lots of noise all around the house. Charlie and his brother were jumping up and down and very excited to be going to school today, which Bobby Penny thought was quite unusual.

No reminders were needed this morning however, as today was the day of the School Coronation Celebrations. For the last few weeks at school, lots of preparations had been going ahead to celebrate a new King being crowned. Bobby Penny had listened to all the plans from inside the money box that sat on the shelf in Charlie's bedroom.



Charlie had been counting out the pennies from his money box and had chosen Bobby Penny to be his special 'show and tell' coin at school. He'd been placed carefully on the shelf next to a Paddington Bear Teddy and both of them were going to school today!

Bobby Penny couldn't really understand why he had been chosen to go to school with Paddington, but he was excited to be on another adventure, going somewhere new.



After Charlie had finished his breakfast, he started to get dressed ready for school. Instead of the usual school uniform that he wore every day, today was going to be different.

Charlie's mummy had been very busy making a special outfit for him to wear. Bobby Penny saw that he was wearing lots of red, white and blue and thought that he looked very smart indeed.

Charlie placed Bobby Penny into the pocket of Paddington Bear and carried them both carefully to the car ready to drive to school.



Once they had arrived at school, Charlie skipped his way into his classroom very proudly holding Paddington Bear's hand. Bobby Penny was tucked safely, deep inside the bear's jacket pocket, but he was still wondering why he'd been chosen to come along?

In the corner of the classroom next to the window, was a huge table decorated with lots of flags and colourful drawings that all the children had made and carefully hung along the wall. There was a spot right in the middle of the table where Paddington had been placed and Charlie took Bobby Penny out of the pocket and stood him up carefully so that everyone could see him.



Bobby Penny felt very proud to be surrounded by pictures of Kings, toy Corgi dogs, home-made castles and crowns that had all been brought along to the show and tell table. It was beginning to look like another day of adventures.

Everything was decorated in red, white and blue, yet when Bobby Penny looked down at himself, he wasn't any of those colours. "What am I really doing here?" he asked himself.

At the end of the day, it was going to be the show and tell time, so Bobby Penny decided to wait patiently until then to find out why he was there.

It was soon time for all the children to assemble outside to enjoy the celebrations. A huge bouncy castle disguised as a real-life castle was in the middle of the playground and the children took turns to bounce around. Bobby Penny could see all the fun outside the window, but was quite glad that he was indoors as he felt he would get very dizzy jumping up and down!



Lots of children were dressed as Kings and Queens and everyone was waving flags and singing songs. The headteacher told all the children that it was such a special day, as we now had a new King! Bobby Penny could hear the cheers from everyone and even joined in singing Hip Hip Hooray, three times!

It was soon time for all of the boys and girls to go back to their classrooms. One by one the children in the class took their turns to show their teacher the special items that they had brought into school.

Bobby Penny watched each item being taken from the table to the front and shown to everyone. An old chess set with a carved King and Queen, a stamp album with lots of old stamps stuck onto every page. A golden crown decorated with jewels and huge flag called a Union Jack were all proudly displayed and shown.



It was then Charlie's turn to collect Paddington and Bobby Penny. Charlie explained to the class that Paddington had made a film with the old Queen which had made everyone laugh, and still Bobby Penny waited and waited.

He was beginning to get very nervous wondering what would happen next. Very proudly Charlie turned Bobby Penny around and held him up for everyone to see. All that Bobby Penny could see was the wall behind Charlie and couldn't understand why everyone started clapping and saying what a clever idea that had been.

Charlie then whispered to Bobby Penny and explained to him that on his back was actually an engraved picture of the King and that he was one of the first coins ever made for our new King.



Bobby Penny had only ever seen the front of himself but now understood why he'd been chosen and felt very lucky that he'd been picked to take part in this historic day!

He was so excited to be included in such a big day, he decided that Charlie should be 'King' for the day for choosing him and making the adventure so special!

