

My Prime Ministers

It's rather grand this house, so many rooms. David Cameron is here, the Prime Minister; such a kind man. I think I will love working here.

June 2016: Oh no! Cameron's lost the referendum over the E U. I've just listened to his farewell speech. I'm so sad.

July 2016: Who is this lady? What? Our new Prime Minister. I shall have to work for this lady now.

July 2019: this Prime Minister has only lasted 3 years. She was quite nice but I kept out of her way. Goodbye Mrs May.

July 2019: This morning I met the new Prime Minister, a blonde bloke, with a loud voice. My poor ears! He's dashing around the place and ---- what's this? He's brought along a ----- dog.

Is this allowed? We've not had a dog in Downing Street before. Oh, I've just seen this dog wee against the damask sofa. Did anyone else notice?

I don't think we'll get on; I do not like dogs, but I still have to work here. I hear this new Prime Minister is called Boris.

September 2022: Someone new is in charge again, with no dog! I'm so pleased. This lady is going to get the country working; she's got new ideas for the finances too. She's talking of change. She tried to make friends with me; I walked quickly away.

October 2022: This lady, Liz Truss, only lasted one month. Well, there certainly was change. She's out.

October 25th 2022: Now after a few days, we have another Prime Minister. He's all smiles and I think I will like working for him. He seems to have some new, good ideas---- but perhaps a bit avant garde? Conscription? I don't think the public will like that.

July 2024: Why oh why did Sunak believe his advisors to have the General Election now? In July? He's lost. So another Prime Minister coming in. I think this one has a pet----- a cat? Can't remember. Not sure if I'll like another pet in Downing Street.

I came to Downing Street in February 2011 with David Cameron, have worked in Downing Street for 15 years ,but wasn't expecting this turnover of Prime Ministers.

However, I still do my job for whoever is in charge.

Today, I was given a special meal—my favourite—beautifully cooked chicken.

I was brought in all those years ago to sort out a problem; a rat problem. Battersea Cats and Dogs Home told Cameron I was a really good rat and mouse catcher. And I have been all these years.

I'm getting a bit old now; 19 years this year.

But, I can still do my work and furthermore, there are no complaints.

Liz